

There's a snake in my backyard, what should I do?

If you see a snake in your garden or house, do not try to catch or kill the snake. Walk away from it slowly and keep an eye on it from a safe distance (several metres away). Keep your pets safely away from it and the snake will usually move on in its own time. Snakes don't want to be near humans any more than humans generally want to be near snakes.

If the snake has decided to stay around, and you really want it removed, you should ring your nearest National Parks and Wildlife office for advice. They will tell you how to contact a licensed snake handler to have it removed. If the snake is inside the house, close the door of the room it is in and place a towel under the door before calling Parks and Wildlife.

The most likely time for people to encounter snakes in their garden is spring when the males are out looking for females to mate with.

Snakes play a very important role in the Australian environment and are protected under environmental legislation so you should not attempt to harm or remove them yourself. Most people who get bitten by snakes do so when attempting to remove them.

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