California Red-sided Gartersnake (*Thamnophis sirtalis infernalis*)



Long-nosed Snake (Rhinocheilus lecontei)



California Legless Lizard (*Anniella pulchra*)



Below are some common sense rules that can prevent most snake bites:

- If a snake is encountered, leave it alone and move away.
- Always wear hiking boots when walking in areas where you cannot clearly see where you are placing your feet.
- Always stay on paths. Avoid walking in tall grass, weeds, and heavy underbrush where snakes may be present.
- Always look for concealed snakes before picking up rocks, sticks, or firewood.
- Baby rattlesnakes are venomous and can bite. Leave them alone.
- Never handle freshly killed snakes.
- Seek medical attention immediately if you are bitten by any venomous or unknown snake.
- —Do not attempt to draw out the venom
- —Do not apply a tourniquet
- —Take a photo of the snake if possible

Note: The Vandenberg Medical Clinic does NOT maintain a supply of rattlesnake antivenin



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Snakes of Vandenberg Air Force Base



The purpose of this pamphlet is to familiarize Air Force personnel about the ten species of snakes and one species of legless lizard confirmed present on Vandenberg Air Force Base. The vast majority of snakes found on the installation are nonvenomous and harmless. The Southern Pacific Rattlesnake is the only venomous snake found on Vandenberg. Snakes play an important role in our ecosystem serving as both predators and prey to other species. Please do not kill snakes, particularly when they are encountered away from dwellings or work spaces.

VENOMOUS

Southern Pacific Rattlesnake (*Crotalus oreganus*)



The Southern Pacific Rattlesnake is the only snake species on Vandenberg with a rattle.



NONVENOMOUS

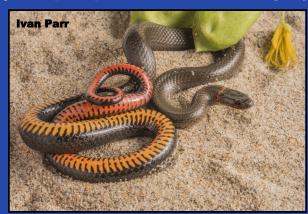
Western Yellow-bellied Racer (*Coluber constrictor mormon*)



California Striped Racer (Coluber lateralis lateralis)



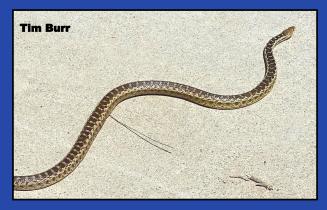
Monterey Ring-necked Snake (Diadophis punctatus vandenburghii)



California Kingsnake (Lampropeltis californiae)



San Diego Gophersnake (*Pituophis catenifer annectens*)



Coast Gartersnake (*Thamnophis elegans terrestris*)



Two-striped Gartersnake (*Thamnophis hammondii*)

