Snakebite Awareness Training Part 2: Lesson 6 - Snakes and Camouflage

Why is this important? - you need to be aware that snakes are the masters of hiding in plain sight. To avoid being bitten, you need to be alert and always checking the ground in front of you.

Many snakes have the right coloration and patterns to blend right into their environment. Here is a **saw-scaled or carpet viper** that blends right into the rocks (photo courtesy of Ashwin Baindur under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International license.



And here is a **puff adder** almost perfectly concealed in some grasses and red dirt (photo used with permission from Stephen Spawls):



This **Battersby's green snake** blends in perfectly with the green leaves in the trees where it spends most of its time (photo used with permission from Stephen Spawls)..



This **desert horned viper** blends in very well with its sandy environment, and can even bury its body in the sand leaving only the eyes and top of head exposed (photo courtesy of Holger Krisp under the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported license without changes).

