Venomous Snakes Aboard Camp Pendleton

There are only <u>3 Venomous Snakes</u> aboard
Camp Pendleton, all of which are
Rattlesnakes.





Southern Pacific Rattlesnake

2.



Red Diamond Rattlesnake

3.



Speckled Rattlesnake



For more information regarding wildlife conflicts call the Game Warden Office and ask to speak to a Wildlife Technician at (760)725-3360

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Avoiding

Snake Encounters

Aboard

Camp Pendleton



Federal Game Warden Office

(760)725-3360

Hours 0800-1800, Daily



Snakes play an important role in controlling rodent and pest populations. Some of their main food sources include: mice, rats, birds, frogs, other reptiles, and insects.

Camp Pendleton is home to 20 different species of snakes, <u>only</u> three of those species are venomous and all three are rattlesnakes.

Snake encounters on base can be common so it is important to be able to distinguish different types of snakes and know how to prevent conflicts.



Non-Venomous

How To Avoid Snake Encounters

1. Keep A Clean House And Well Maintained Yard

- Creates a less suitable habitat for rodents.
- Rodents are attracted to food inside your home.
- Snakes are attracted to rodents.
- Keep the grass trimmed low and bushes trimmed back.
- Allows you to visually spot unwanted snakes.

2. Keep All Pet Food Indoors

• Pet food left outdoors can attract rodents.

3. Keep House and Garage Doors Closed.

• Snakes wander indoors in search of cool shaded areas and food.

4. Seal Up Any Existing Exterior Holes Around Your Building.

- Snakes use existing holes and unsealed gaps.
- If a mouse can fit through a hole or gap so can a snake.

What To Do If You Encounter A Snake

- NEVER TRY TO REMOVE A VENOMOUS SNAKE.
- Call the Game Warden Office at (760)725-3360.
- You can assist the wildlife professionals by monitoring the movements of the snake from a distance until help arrives.
- If you can positively identify a snake as non-venomous, removal is not necessary.

