



**TO:** UASTP Project Occupants  
**FROM:** Jacobs as Contract Operator  
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**RE:** Operations Advisory - Rattlesnake Awareness

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Contract Operator would like to share some information with you for your consideration regarding rattlesnakes and rattlesnake related injuries. Due to the desert location of the site, there can be a higher probability of an encounter with rattlesnakes. In all cases, when you spot a rattlesnake, try to keep track of its location. The Contract Operator quickly responds to remove them when sighted or reported.

Considerations:

1. Watch where you step or reach. Rattlesnakes often hide from the sun when it is hot and are difficult to see.
2. Be mindful of the footwear you choose if you are planning to be outside. Closed toe shoes provide better protection than sandals.
3. As the temperature cools, rattlesnakes will be seeking concrete/asphalt surfaces in later hours to retain heat such as sidewalks, parking lots, and roads.
4. Leave Them Alone and call the Contract Operator Site Manager or Site Security at 520-799-6666.

First Aid Tips:

1. Indications for anti-venom treatment are based on the injury, not the rattlesnake species.
  - a. Do not try to capture or identify the rattlesnake, it is not necessary and often causes more injury.
  - b. There are many different types of rattlesnakes in AZ and there are **two** FDA-approved antivenoms. But both antivenoms are efficacious against all North American Rattlesnakes. So, type of rattlesnake does not matter!
2. **Do NOT ice, apply restrictive dressings/tourniquets, or other first aid measures.**
3. Do NOT delay care and contact emergency help immediately.
4. **Do** remove constrictive items like shoes and jewelry at injury.

**Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center is also an excellence source of reference for desert pest(s) first aid tips (<https://azpoison.com/venom>).**

Thank you.