



## Rattlesnakes Spotted Around Carlsbad

As temperatures increase, rattlesnakes are being spotted around Carlsbad, prompting public safety officials to remind residents to take precautions and call 9-1-1 if bitten or for assistance in safely removing a snake from a home, yard, park or playground. If bitten by a rattlesnake, remain calm and remove any constricting clothing or accessories such as rings or watches, and wait for emergency responders to arrive.

To protect against rattlesnake bites at home, the City of Carlsbad suggests disposing of trash and wood piles where they might hide. Getting rid of a food source like mice or rats will also help keep them at bay. Wear boots or shoes while working or playing outdoors.

While hiking on city trails, please remember the following:

- Keep your dog on a leash under six feet long.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and avoid distractions from your cell phone.
- Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and do not wander off the trails especially into high grass or weeds. Make sure you can always see the path ahead of you and look for snakes that might blend into the ground before picking up rocks or sticks.
- If you encounter a rattlesnake on a trail, calmly back away and leave it alone.

Source: City of Carlsbad