



Southern Pacific Rattlesnake
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Poisonous snakes occur throughout California and are restricted to six species of rattlesnake: namely the Sidewinder, Speckled Rattlesnake, Red Diamond Rattlesnake, Southern Pacific Rattlesnake (also called Western Rattlesnake), Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, and Mojave Rattlesnake. There are about 7,000 to 8,000 poisonous snakebites annually in the United States. Of this total, 8 to 10 of the poisonous snakebites result in fatalities. Most snakebites occur on the limbs with the greatest percentage on the arms, hands, or fingers. About 30 percent of all snakebites occur while the snake is being purposefully handled.

For additional information about poisonous snakebites, go to the Clover Safe note at:

<http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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