



## RATTLESNAKE SAFETY AND INFO

### WHY ARE RATTLESNAKES IMPORTANT?

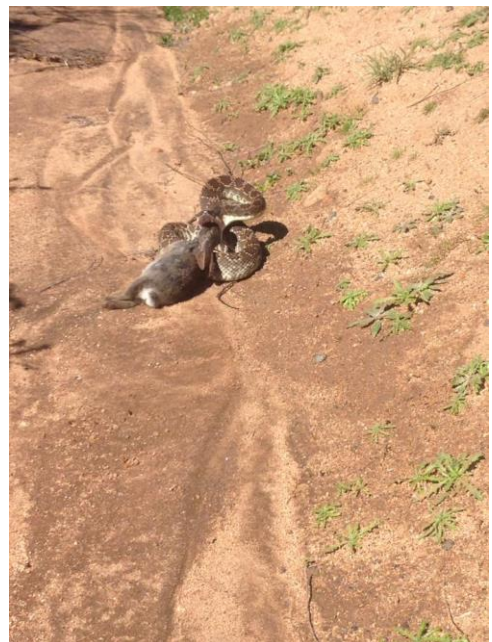
Rattlesnakes and other snakes eat small animals like rats and gophers. These snakes control the spread of diseases like hantavirus and plague or eat major crop pests.

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### VENOMOUS OR NOT?

The ONLY venomous snakes in California are rattlesnakes. No other snakes native to Pala are venomous.

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## AVOIDANCE

- Most bites occur in people attempting to kill a snake.
- Most bites in the US are to adult men harassing snakes.
- Snakes do not chase and do not want to bite.

## PREVENTION

- Supervise child and pets outside.
- Remove trash and debris piles where snakes or their rodent prey might hide.
- Keeping rodents away from homes prevents snakes from seeking out this food source.
- Nest boxes for predatory birds can help control snakes.



## BITE FIRST AID

Do NOT suck out the venom. This does not work and can be dangerous. Remove tight clothing, elevate the wound, and call 911. Treated snake bites are rarely fatal and many snakes do not always inject venom. Keep the bite victim calm and seek immediate help.

