

Case Specific: Snakes

Purpose: Enhance teaching/learning with engaging science materials and live animals

Goal: Safety for all who handle Living Science materials

General Safety:

ALWAYS WASH HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER BEFORE AND AFTER HANDLING ANY ANIMAL OR INSECTS.

Process:

1. Handling:

Resources: Gloves

Note: Latex gloves can cause allergic reactions in some individuals

- It is best to wear gloves
- Do not rush at the snake
- Follow snake handling handout that is provided
- If snake's body language indicates that it does not want to be handled (trying to get away from you) please do not try handling it anyway...this will stress the snake out.
- No yelling or screaming
- Do not poke at the snake

2. Caring:

- ESC20 Living Science provides the habitat needed for their snakes
- ESC20 Living Science has their snakes on a regular feeding schedule.
- Fresh, clean water
- If snake poos while in your care please clean cage with hot water and replace bedding with newspaper

3. Disposal:

Resources: Gloves, plastic bag, dumpster

If snake dies wrap tightly in plastic bag and dispose in dumpster

Dispose of old bedding by placing in a plastic bag and disposing in the dumpster and rinse habitat with hot water

Return container to ESC20 Living Science Center

4. Bites or Allergic Reaction:

Bites: Wash affected area with soap and water, apply antibiotic cream

Consult school nurse, fill out appropriate report and email copy to ESC 20 Living Science (livingscience@esc20.net).

Allergic Reactions: Consult school nurse

5. Hygiene:

Resources Needed: Gloves, Soap, Water

- Use gloves for handling.
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling animals or insects.