

**EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD**

**TRAINING TITLE**      **Poisonous Snakes - Keeping Yourself Safe**

**KEY TEACHING POINTS**

- The fact is that poisonous snakes inhabit a large portion of the US. What's more, landfill workers can be especially susceptible to snake encounters. This is due to a number of factors:
  - Landfills are often located in remote areas that have previously been "undeveloped."
  - Landfill development can displace local wildlife (including snakes)
  - Landfill workers walk every foot of ground around the landfill... through brush and tall grass and will often disturb snakes which like to lie in the shade beneath cardboard and paper.
  - Mechanics are often crawling around underneath machines where a snake may be seeking shade in the daytime and warmth at night.
- **Minimizing Risk**
  - Use tools to pick up items whenever possible.
  - Wear snake proof leggings if going into brush and tall grass. Snakes are usually not present where trucks are unloading.
  - Learn as much as you can about snakes - what they look like, which are poisonous, etc.
  - Don't put your hands anyplace without first making sure that a snake isn't present.
- If a snake bites someone, the best solution is to seek professional medical help. That means getting to a hospital ASAP.
- The best defense against snake bites is to keep your eyes and ears open...and be careful.

**TEST**

QUESTION	ANSWERS	
	TRUE	FALSE
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2 If a snake bites someone, the best solution is to seek professional medical help.		
3 Don't put your hands anyplace without first making sure that a snake isn't present.		
4 Learn as much as you can about snakes.		
5 Use tools to pick up items whenever possible.		
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