

INDUSTRY WIDE LABOR-MANAGEMENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAFETY BULLETIN #12

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF EXOTIC VENOMOUS REPTILES

1. The Producer shall notify a nearby medical facility, one day prior to use, that a live venomous reptile is to be used in close proximity to personnel, and insure that proper anti-venom is available.
2. Only personnel essential to the scene will be allowed within a fifty foot (50') perimeter of the reptile.
3. A representative of the American Humane Association shall be notified of the use of the venomous reptile.
4. The snake handler in charge must have a "Prohibited Species Permit" from the State of California Wildlife Protection Department with him/her to be shown if necessary.
5. Proper protection (*i.e.*, barriers, gloves, adequate leg guards) for cast and crew who have to work closely with the reptile shall be provided.
6. A stand-by vehicle with driver shall be available to transport in case of an accident while the reptile is out of its cage.

NOTE: A snake should be milked the same day to remove most of the venom. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) bottles should be on hand. The snake handler should have a snake pincer.