

The following guidelines have been established for individuals working with Reptiles (native or exotic snakes and lizards):

- You should have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination: (one that can be documented within last 10 years).
 - It is highly recommended that you receive a Td booster if you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous.
 - It is highly recommended that you receive a Td booster if you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years.
- Appropriate PPE will be available where hazards exist.
- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling techniques with the particular species with which they will be working.
- All employees and students should be aware of potential zoonoses associated with the particular species with which they will be working (species-specific zoonosis information is provided in the next module of this risk evaluation and is also available on the TTU IACUC web page).
- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with the particular species with which they will be working. The risks may include, but are not limited to, bites, scratches, and poison envenomation in the case of venomous reptiles.