

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

- The Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine/titer is required for all animal handlers. You must have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination or booster (one that can be documented within the last 10 years).
  - It is 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 recommended that you receive a Td booster if you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years.
- Appropriate PPE should be provided where hazards exist.
- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with working 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 (SOP032).
- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling techniques with the particular species with which they will be working. For appropriate training, please contact your supervisor BEFORE beginning animal work.
- All employees and students should be aware of potential zoonosis information for the particular species with which they will be working.