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The Snake Hunter, Mark Pelley said many Melburnians did not know some of Australia's deadliest snakes were in creeks, shopping centres, inside cars and even in dog kennels in the 'burbs.

"No matter where you are in Melbourne, the bad news is that every endemic species of snake in our great city is venomous," Mr Pelley said.



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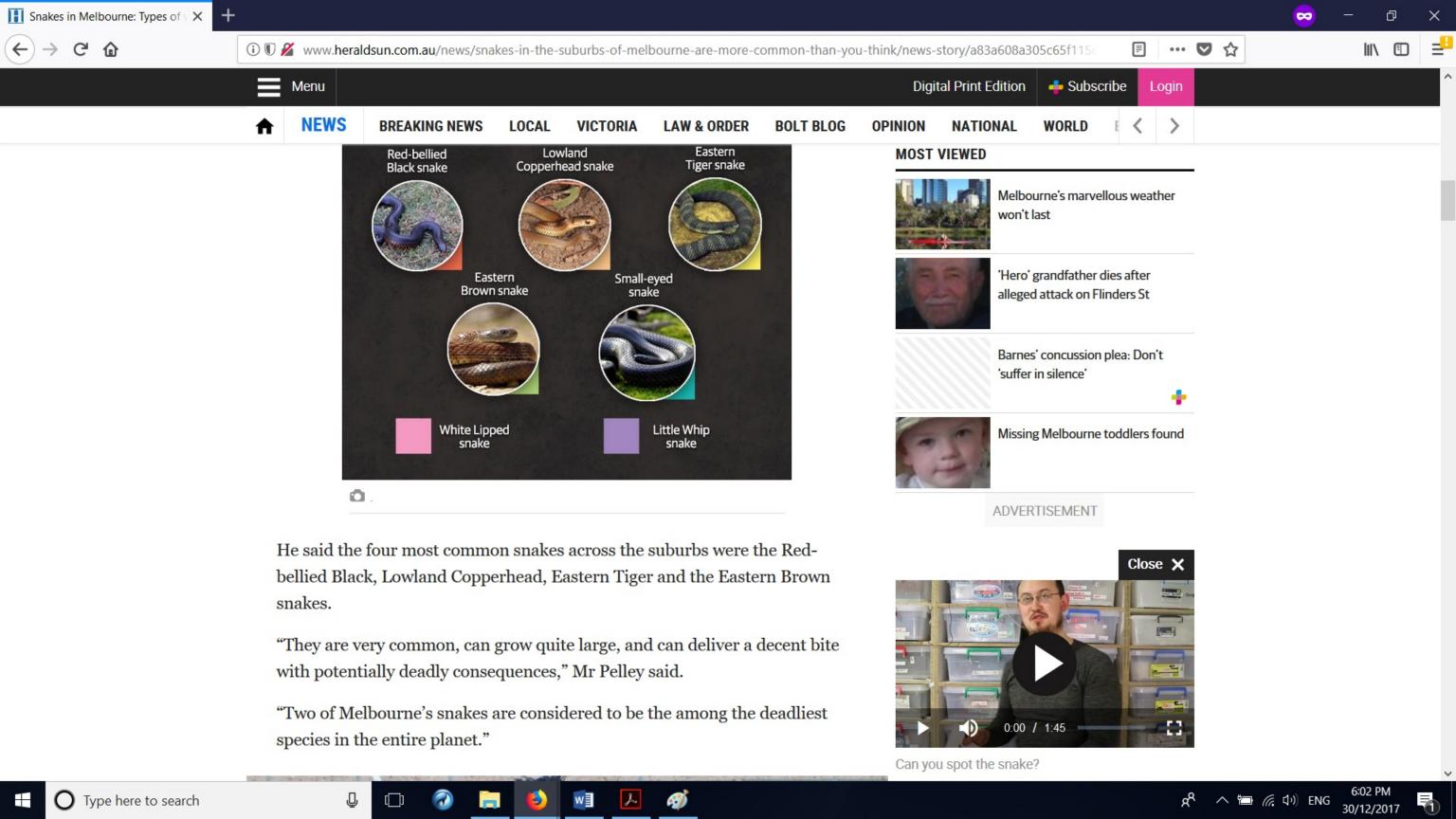
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He said the four most common snakes across the suburbs were the Redbellied Black, Lowland Copperhead, Eastern Tiger and the Eastern Brown snakes.

"They are very common, can grow quite large, and can deliver a decent bite with potentially deadly consequences," Mr Pelley said.

"Two of Melbourne's snakes are considered to be the among the deadliest species in the entire planet."



Mr Pelley with a Lowland Copperhead snake. Picture: Supplied



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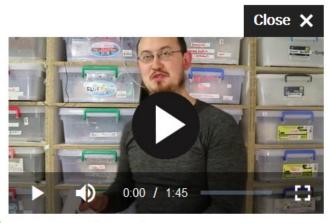


White-lipped snake. Source: Wildlife Profiles Pty/Peter Robertson

WHAT TYPES OF SNAKES ARE COMMON IN MELBOURNE?

The world's second most venomous snake, the Eastern Brown snake, can be found during the day in northern parts of Melbourne including

Tullamarine, Campbellfield, Broadmeadows and Greensborough.



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Eastern Tiger snakes are commonly found across the suburbs. Picture: Mark Pelley

Mr Pelley said the Eastern Tiger snake, one of most venomous snakes in the world, was the most common snake found in Melbourne.

He said the reptile commonly lived in the western suburbs, inner city areas and the peninsula.

"Places I have found these snakes is the stuff of nightmares," he said.

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Mr Pelley said he caught the 1.5m to 2m critter behind curtains in a retirement village, underneath refrigerators, behind dishwashers, in a washing machine, in kitchen cupboards, in car engines, schools, garages and even under beds.

A Diamond Creek father and son were bitten by an Eastern Tiger snake earlier this year.



Red-bellied Black snakes lurk in the suburbs. Picture: Mark Pelley



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THE SNAKES MOST COMMONLY FOUND IN YOUR AREA:

Mt Dandenong, Ferntree Gully, Monbulk

- -White Lipped snake
- -Small-eyed snake
- -Eastern Tiger snake
- -Eastern Brown snake

Mornington Peninsula

- -White Lipped snake
- -Eastern Tiger snake
- -Eastern Brown snake
- -Lowland Copperhead snake

Dandenong, Narre Warren, Noble Park, Doveton, Rowville, Keysborough, Emerald



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Keysborough, Emerald

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-Eastern Tiger snake

-Eastern Brown snake

-Lowland Copperhead snake

Williamstown, Werribee to Point Cook

-Eastern Tiger snake

-Eastern Brown snake

Sunshine

-Eastern Tiger snake

Mickelham

-Eastern Brown snake

Epping, Greenvale, Mill Park, Campbellfield, Preston, Coburg,

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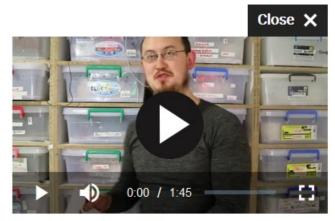
Diamond Creek, Wattle Glen, Doreen, Mernda, Kinglake, Saint Andrews, South Morang, Whittlesea, Greensborough, Wollert, Ivanhoe, Heidelberg, Fairfield, Northcote, Research, Collingwood, Park Orchards

- -Little Whip snake
- -Small-eyed snake
- -Eastern Tiger Snake
- -Eastern Brown snake
- -Lowland Copperhead snake
- -Red-bellied Black snake

Broadmeadows, Tullamarine, St Albans, Taylors Lakes, Maribyrnong

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A SNAKE:



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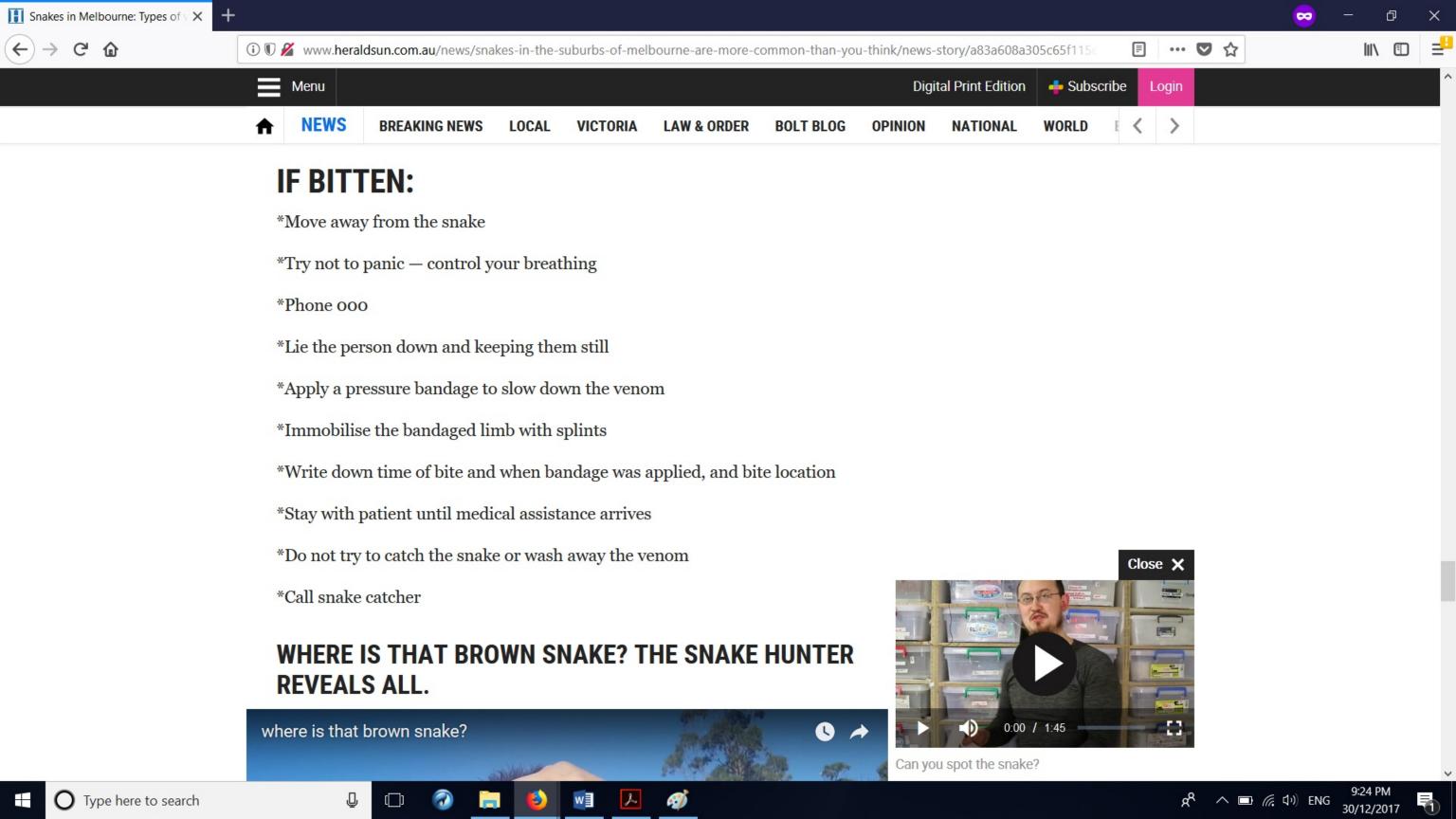
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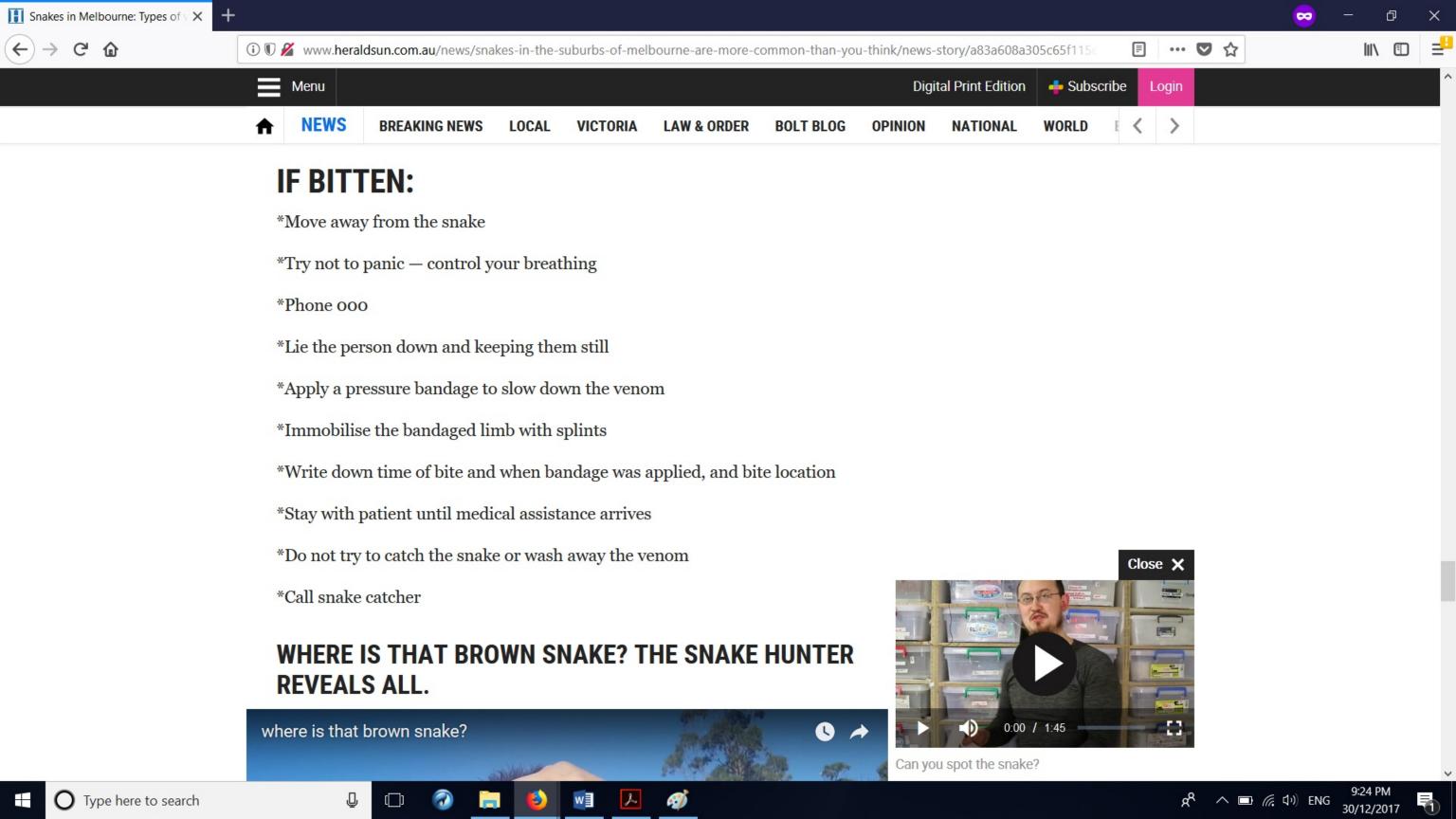
- *Step back and move away
- *Watch the snake from a safe distance
- *Call a snake catcher to come and collect the snake
- *Follow instructions of the snake catcher, watch the snake until they arrive
- *Direct the catcher to the snake's location

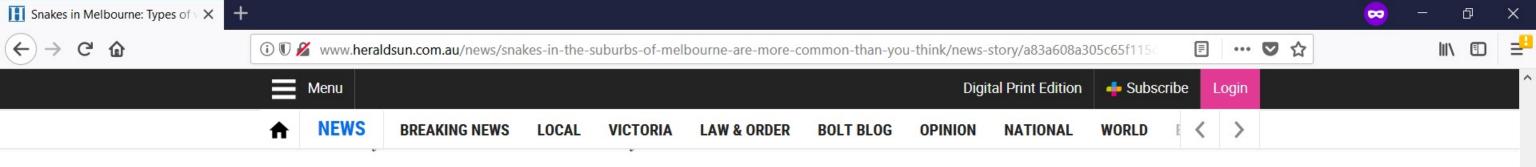
IF BITTEN:

- *Move away from the snake
- *Try not to panic control your breathing
- *Phone ooo
- *Lie the person down and keeping them still
- *Apply a pressure bandage to slow down the venom
- *Immobilise the bandaged limb with splints
- *Write down time of bite and when bandage was applied, and bite location





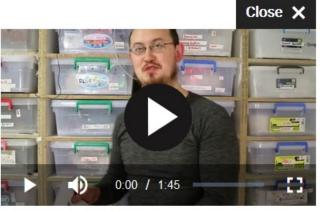




*Call snake catcher

WHERE IS THAT BROWN SNAKE? THE SNAKE HUNTER **REVEALS ALL.**





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