

UNE Animal Safety Guide

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UNE Campus Safety Centre (B089), Elm Avenue, Armidale (please refer to map contained within this guide for location directions)

Whilst at UNE's wide network of Campuses and Study Centres you may possibly encounter a native or domestic animal that requires a degree of caution.

This UNE Animal Safety Guide is designed to provide staff, students and visitors to UNE sites guidance on some of the animals that they could possibly encounter.

Dangerous Animals

Animals considered high risk or dangerous include:

Snakes

There are no fail-safe methods of distinguishing a dangerous snake from a harmless one, particularly for the untrained observer. As a general rule always be cautious and avoid coming into contact with any snake.

Snakes are distinguished from lizards by a combination of characteristics including:

- No limbs.
- A long, slender, deeply-forked tongue.



Red-bellied black snake

Some of the most common snakes found in NSW include the Red-bellied black snake (pictured above) and the Eastern brown snake (pictured below). Other species also inhabit areas of NSW.



Eastern brown snake

Where can I find further information?

Further advice and information on snakes that may be found in the Armidale area can be viewed on the Armidale Dumaresq Council website: <http://www.armidale.nsw.gov.au>. For information relating to snakes that might be found at all other UNE sites, please enquire with the Council in your area.

Contact Us:

Phone: 6773 2099

Email: security@une.edu.au

Web: www.une.edu.au/security

Other Dangerous or Menacing Animals

Some of signs that an animal has the potential to be aggressive may include:

- Vocalising – Growling, Snarling, barking, hissing, etc.
- Curling lips
- Hair on back and neck standing erect.
- Lunging/swooping.
- Snapping
- Blocking your path
- Biting (even if it does not break the skin)

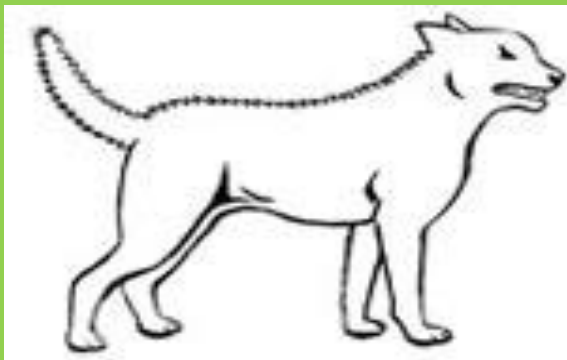


Illustration of a dog showing signs of aggression

Please note that the above is a general guide only and signs of aggression are dependent on the animal species. Use your instincts and if you feel threatened use the encounter guides for guidance in these situations.

Encounter Guides

The following encounter guides are designed to provide some assistance if confronted with a dangerous animal.

What should I do if I encounter a snake?

Do not attempt to restrain, handle or capture the snake. Don't panic. Back away to a safe distance if safe to do so and allow the snake to move away.

Phone Campus Security on 02 6773 2099 to report any snake sightings and request assistance if required. All other UNE sites, please contact your local Council.

What should I do if I encounter other dangerous / menacing animals?

Do not attempt to restrain, handle or capture the animal. Stay calm – don't panic. Avoid direct eye contact with the animal. Stand slightly sideways while keeping the animal in your peripheral vision. Assess the animal's demeanour and if there are clear signs that it is losing interest, back away quietly and slowly to a safe distance.

Phone Campus Security on 02 6773 2099 to report all dangerous/menacing animals and/or request assistance required. All other UNE sites, please contact your local Council.

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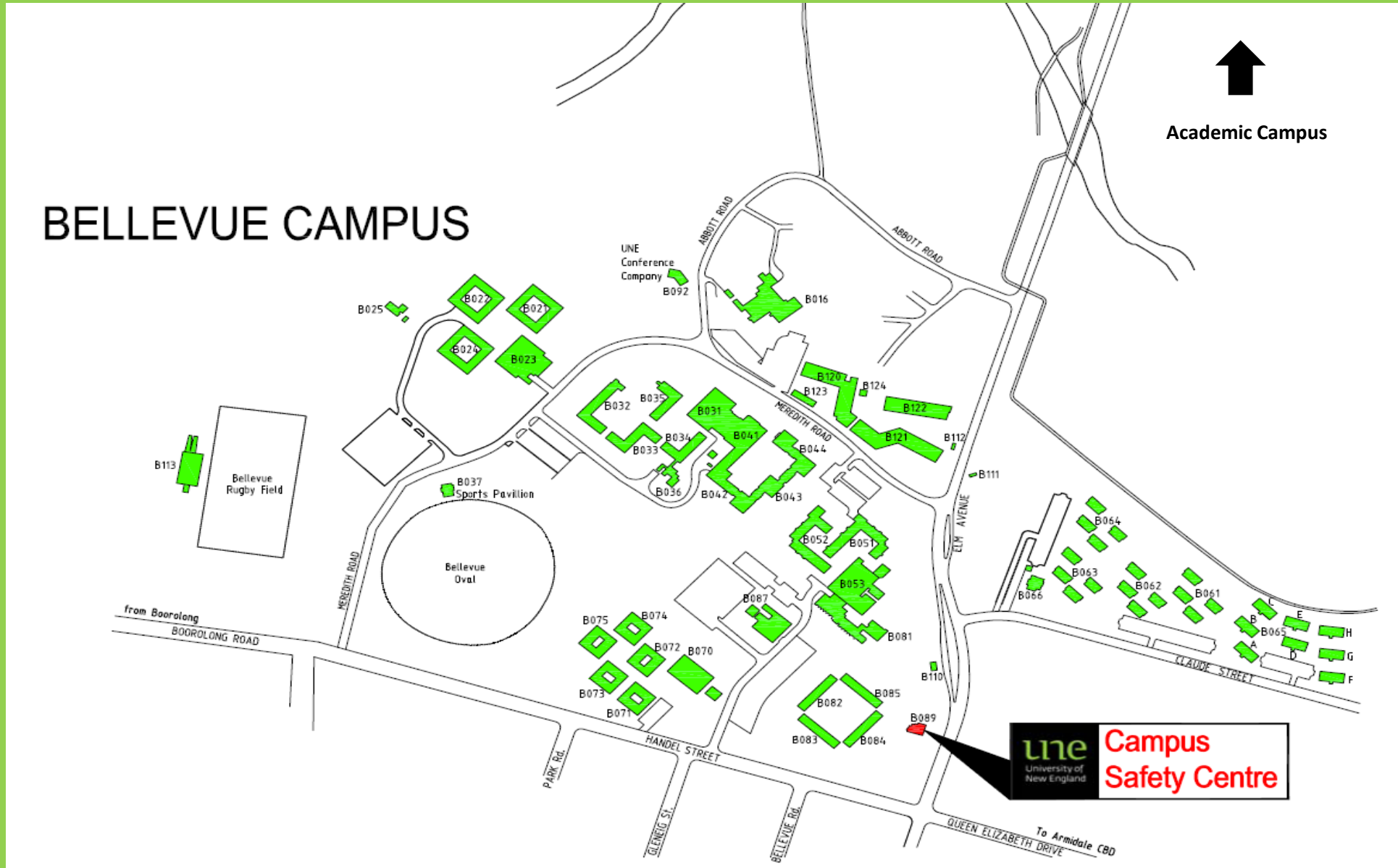
Campus Security is a 24/7 service on the Armidale Bellevue and Academic Campuses and will also assist with emergency and first aid for any incidents that occur within the UNE Armidale Bellevue and Academic Campus boundaries. All other UNE sites should contact the Local Council in their area to report any dangerous animals. If the incident is after hours and the Council is not contactable, contact the local Police for assistance and advice.

Security & Security officers patrol campus 24/7. If you require assistance you can contact them at any time on 6773 2099.

In emergency situations (life-threatening injury, snake bite, etc.) always call '000' then call Safety & Security on 6773 2099 so that security personnel can provide assistance until emergency services arrive.

The UNE Campus Safety Centre (B089) is located in the Bellevue Campus precinct near the corner of Elm Avenue and Handel Street (Please refer to the map on the following page).

Map showing the location of the UNE Armidale Campus Safety Centre



Following is a list of contact numbers for Local Council's and Police in areas where UNE has Campuses or study Centres

Council and Police Contact Details

Armidale:

Armidale Dumeresq Council 02 6770 3600
Armidale Police 02 6771 0699

Coonabarabran:

Warrumbungle Shire Council 02 6849 2000
Coonabarabran Police 02 6842 7299

Glen Innes:

Glen Innes Severn Council 02 6730 2300/
0417 890 889
Glen Innes Police 02 6732 9799

Gunnedah:

Gunnedah Shire Council 02 6767 5555
Gunnedah Police 02 6742 9099

Guyra:

Guyra Shire Council 02 6770 7100/
0412 078 643
Guyra Police 02 6738 4299

Inverell:

Inverell Shire Council 02 6728 8288/
0418 446 068
Inverell Police 02 6722 0599

Moree:

Moree Plains Shire Council 02 6757 3222
Moree Police 02 6757 0799

Narrabri:

Narrabri Shire Council 02 6799 6866/
0429 911 111
Narrabri Police 02 6792 7199

Parramatta:

Parramatta City Council 02 9806 5050
Parramatta Police 02 9633 0799

Tamworth:

Tamworth Regional Council 02 6767 5555
Tamworth Police 02 6768 2999

Taree:

Greater Taree City Council 02 6592 5399/
1300 787 102
Taree Police 02 6552 0399

Tenterfield:

Tenterfield Shire Council 02 6736 6000/
0411 864042 or 0411 862 531
Tenterfield Police 02 6768 2999

This information was collected from websites at the time of the release of this guide. Please see Council and NSW Police websites for up-to-date contact information.