

COMMON SNAKES OF VEREENIGING, VAN DER BIJL & SASOLBURG



VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



DANGEROUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald or Red-lipped Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypteltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) Photo Tyrone Ping



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



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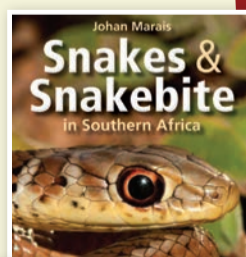
Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)



HARMLESS

Cape Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense capense*)

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly.

Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.

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