**COMMON SNAKES OF PRETORIA EAST**

**VERY DANGEROUS**
- Puff Adder (Bitis arietans arietans)
- Common Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus viridis)
- Common Boomslang - female (Dispholidus typus viridis)
- Mozambique Spitting Cobra (Naja mossambica)
- Rhombic Night Adder (Causus rhombeatus)
- Bibron’s Stiletto Snake (Atractaspis bibronii)
- Rinkhals (Hemachatus haemachatus)
- Snouted Cobra (Naja annulifera)

**DANGEROUS**
- Bibron’s Blind Snake (Afrotyphlops bibronii)
- Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus)
- Spotted Bush Snake (Philothamnus semivariegatus)
- Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis)
- Rhombic Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra)
- Snouted Cobra (Naja annulifera)

**MILDLY VENOMOUS**
- Snouted Stiletto Snake (Psammophis brevirostris)
- Short-snouted Grass Snake (Psammophis brevirostris)
- Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus)
- Spotted Bush Snake (Philothamnus semivariegatus)
- Herald or Red-lipped Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

**HARMLESS**
- Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis)
- Rhombic Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra)
- Bibron’s Blind Snake (Afrotyphlops bibronii)

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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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