

# COMMON SNAKES OF PRETORIA EAST



**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**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Common Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Common Boomslang - female  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Snouted Cobra  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Rinkhals  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**DANGEROUS**

Bibron's Stiletto Snake  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**DANGEROUS**

Rhombic Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**CAN INFLECT A NASTY BITE**

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

Spotted Bush Snake  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

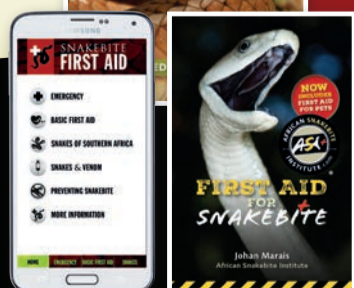
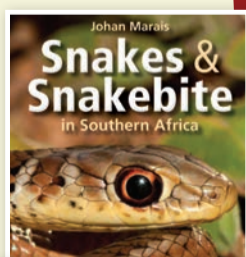
Rhombic Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

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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