

# COMMON SNAKES OF MMG, KINSEVERE



There are in the region of 137 different types of snakes in the D.R.C. and most of them are not dangerous. Six types of snakes in the southern D.R.C. are considered potentially deadly with the Black Mamba the most dangerous.

**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**

Black Mamba  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



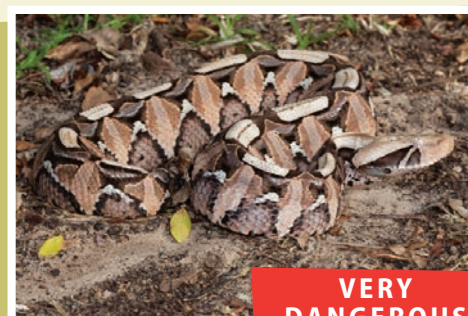
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Black Mamba  
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**VERY DANGEROUS**

Black-necked Spitting Cobra  
(*Naja nigricollis*)



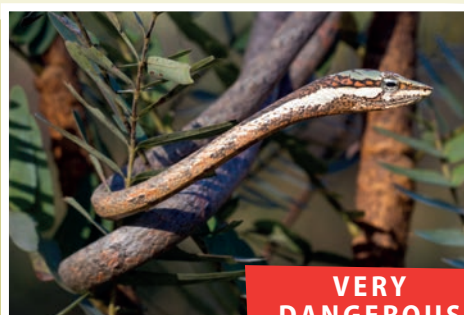
**VERY DANGEROUS**

Gaboon Adder  
(*Bitis gabonica*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Oates' Twig Snake  
(*Thelotornis capensis oatesii*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Common Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Common Boomslang - female  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



**DANGEROUS**

Rhombic Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**DANGEROUS**

Bibron's Stiletto Snake  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) Photo Warren Dick



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Olive Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

Rhombic Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

Spotted Bush Snake  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the patient calm and immobilised.
- 2 **Immediately** contact Security Central Control Room – Channel 1.

**DO NOT**

... try to catch or kill the snake.  
... cut or suck the wound.  
... use a tourniquet.

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