Zambia has 92 different types of snakes. 16 are considered potentially deadly while another 9 are capable of inflicting very painful bites.

**DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ZAMBIA**

- **Black Mamba** (*Dendroaspis polyxena*)
- **Puff Adder** (*Bitis arietans arietans*)
- **Gaboon Adder** (*Bitis gabonica*)
- **Bibron’s Stiletto Snake** (*Atractaspis bibronii*)
- **Banded Water Cobra** (*Naja annulata*)
- **Anchieta’s Cobra** (*Naja anchietae*)
- **Forest Cobra** (*Naja melanoleuca*)
- **Common Boomslang** (*Dispholidus typus viridis*)
- **Rhombic Night Adder** (*Causus rhombeatus*)
- **Snouted Night Adder** (*Causus defilippii*)
- **Mozambique Spitting Cobra** (*Naja mossambica*)
- **Black-necked Spitting Cobra** (*Naja nigricollis*)
- **Kivu Boomslang** (*Dispholidus typus kivuensis*)

**EMERGENCY PROTOCOL**

**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.