

DANGEROUS SNAKES, SCORPIONS & SPIDERS OF THE LOWVELD



The lowveld has a large number of potentially dangerous snakes, scorpions and spiders. The majority of snakes, scorpions and spiders encountered will be harmless or mildly venomous. This poster represents the most dangerous species in these groups.

VERY DANGEROUS

Can cause human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite or sting but does not require antivenom



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Mamba
Dendroaspis polylepis



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Boomslang - male
Dispholidus typus



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang - female
Dispholidus typus



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Southern Vine Snake
Thelornis capensis



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
Naja mossambica



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Snouted Cobra
Naja annulifera



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Puff Adder
Bitis arietans



DANGEROUS

Snouted Night Adder
Causus defilippii - photo Luke Kemp



DANGEROUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
Atractaspis bibronii



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
Python natalensis



VERY DANGEROUS

Transvaal Thicktail Scorpion
Parabuthus transvaalicus



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Mozambique Thicktail Scorpion
Parabuthus mossambicensis - photo Luke Kemp



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Button Spider
Latrodectus sp. - photo Peter Webb



DANGEROUS

Brown Button Spider
Latrodectus sp. - photo Luke Kemp



DANGEROUS

Violin Spider
Loxosceles sp.



DANGEROUS

Sac Spider
Cheiracanthium sp. - photo Ashley Kemp

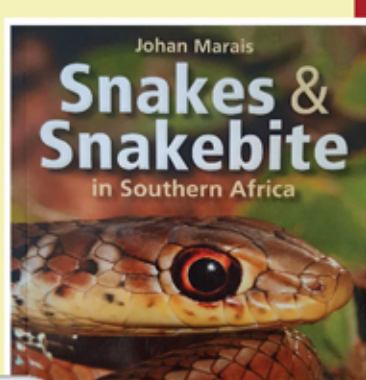
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A BITE OR STING

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and in snakebites or scorpion stings transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 In suspected spider bites consult a medical doctor.
- 3 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration.
- 4 If possible photograph the snake, spider or scorpion and send the photograph to **0824942039** via WhatsApp for positive identification.

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.