

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF UGANDA



Uganda has a large selection of snakes across different habitats. Twelve species are considered highly venomous and around eighteen species are dangerous or can inflict a painful bite.

VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

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Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Jameson's Mamba
(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*) - photo Bill Branch



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Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis* sp.)



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Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



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Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



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Ashe's Spitting Cobra
(*Naja ashei*)



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Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Verburgt



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



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Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



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Bush Vipers
(*Atheris* sp.) - photo Luke Verburgt



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Velvety-green Night Adder
(*Causus resimus*)



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Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

African Rock Python
(*Python sebae*)



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Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis* sp.) - photo Luke Kemp

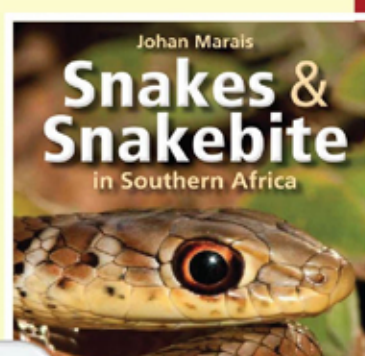
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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: +27 861 555 777.

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.