

# DANGEROUS SNAKES OF KENYA



Kenya has a large selection of snakes across different habitats. Fifteen species are considered highly venomous and around twenty one species are dangerous or can inflict a painful bite.

**VERY DANGEROUS**

Has caused human fatalities

**DANGEROUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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**Green Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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



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**Boomslang**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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**Egyptian Cobra**  
(*Naja haje*)



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**Brown Forest Cobra**  
(*Naja subfulva*) - photo Luke Kemp



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**Black-necked Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricollis*)



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**Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis sp.*)



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**Ashe's Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja ashei*)



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**Red Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja pallida*)



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**Gaboon Adder**  
(*Bitis gabonica*)



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**Rhino-horned Viper**  
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



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**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



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**North-east African Carpet Viper**  
(*Echis pyramidum*)



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**Rhombic Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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**Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis sp.*) - photo Bill Branch

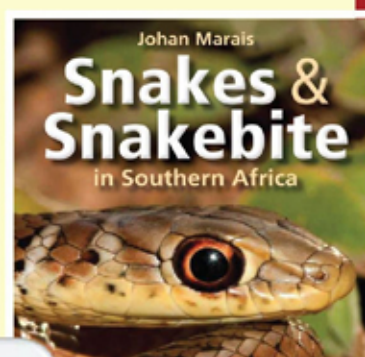
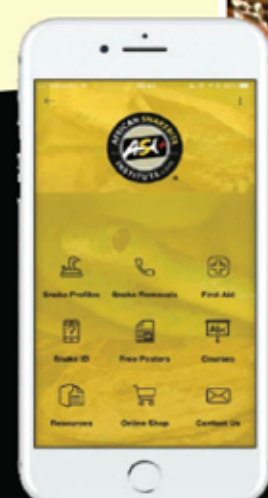
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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### 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.

Contact **Bio-ken** for removals or snakebite advice - +254 70 757 7748