

COMMON SNAKES OF BELA BELA

Bela bela has around 33 species of snakes. Six species are highly venomous and another four are venomous. Ten species are mildly venomous and another two can inflict a nasty bite. The other eleven species are harmless.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Spouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)

CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE



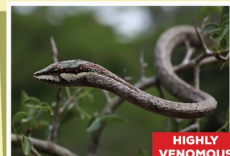
Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis c. capensis*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Common Purple-glossed Snake
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Teloscopus semiannulatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)

HARMLESS



Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)

HARMLESS



Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)

HARMLESS



Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

HARMLESS

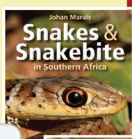
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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: 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.