

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE EASTERN CAPE



The Eastern Cape has fifty-one different types of snakes. Twenty-four species are not venomous, while eleven are mildly venomous. Nine snake species are venomous and seven species are considered highly venomous.

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom



**HIGHLY
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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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Cape Cobra
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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY
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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HIGHLY
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Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



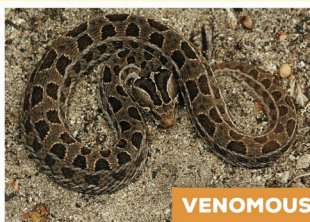
**HIGHLY
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Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Plain Mountain Adder
(*Bitis inornata*)



VENOMOUS

Albany Adder
(*Bitis albanica*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)

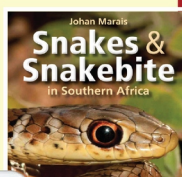
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.