

# DANGEROUS SNAKES OF KWAZULU-NATAL



KwaZulu-Natal has eighty-three different types of snakes. Forty-four species are not venomous, while twenty snake species are mildly venomous. Eight can inflict a painful bite and six species are considered highly venomous.

## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused  
human fatalities

## VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does  
not require antivenom



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



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



**HIGHLY  
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**Southern Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Rinkhals**  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**HIGHLY  
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**Forest Cobra**  
(*Naja subfulva*)



**HIGHLY  
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**Snouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



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**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



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



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



**VENOMOUS**

**Berg Adder**  
(*Bitis atropos*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Common Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**VENOMOUS**

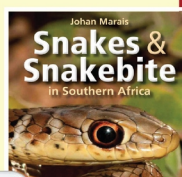
**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

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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.