

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE NORTH WEST



The North West has forty four different snake species. Nineteen species are non-venomous, while six can inflict a painful bite. Eight are considered potentially deadly.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Snouted Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja annulifera*)

**HIGHLY
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Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

**HIGHLY
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Speckled Shield-nose Snake
(*Aspidelaps scutatus*)

VENOMOUS



Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)

VENOMOUS



Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)

VENOMOUS



Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

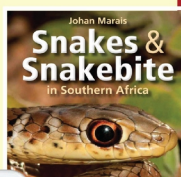
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.