

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE NORTHERN CAPE



The Northern Cape has fifty-six different types of snakes. Twenty-one species are not venomous, while twenty-eight snake species are mildly venomous. Twelve can inflict a painful bite and seven 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*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



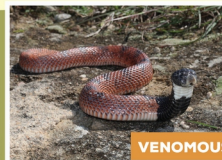
**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus lubricus*)



VENOMOUS

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



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Many-horned Adder
(*Bitis cornuta*)



VENOMOUS

Desert Mountain Adder
(*Bitis xeropaga*)



VENOMOUS

Namaqua Dwarf Adder
(*Bitis schneideri*)

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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.