

COMMON SNAKES OF ALLDAYS



Alldays has around forty different species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous. Another seven may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Twelve are considered mildly venomous and the other fifteen are completely harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



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

VENOMOUS



Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)

VENOMOUS



Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

VENOMOUS



Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE



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

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)

HARMLESS



Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)

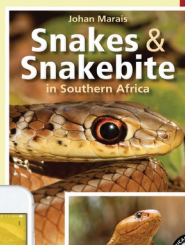
HARMLESS



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.