

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF MALAWI



Malawi has 66 different types of snakes. Eleven are considered potentially deadly, while another five are capable of inflicting extremely painful bites.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



VENOMOUS

Swamp Adder
(*Proatheris superciliaris*)



VENOMOUS

Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



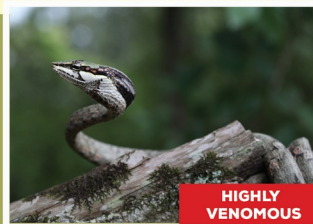
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Common Boomslang - Male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - Female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis capensis*)



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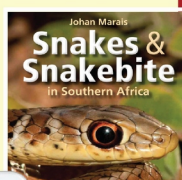
Oates's Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis oatesii*)

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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.