

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF KENYA



Kenya has a large selection of snakes across different habitats. Fifteen species are considered highly venomous and around twenty one species are dangerous or can inflict a painful bite.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom



Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



Jameson's Mamba
(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*) - photo Bill Branch



Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*) - photo Luke Kemp



Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis* sp.)



Ashe's Spitting Cobra
(*Naja ashei*)



Red Spitting Cobra
(*Naja pallida*)



Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



Rhino-horned Viper
(*Bitis nasicornis*)



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



North-east African Carpet Viper
(*Echis pyramidum*)



Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



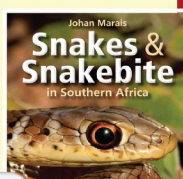
Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis* sp.) - photo Bill Branch

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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.