COMMON SNAKES OF THABAZIMBI



Thabazimbi has around twenty-six different species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous. Another three may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Six are considered mildly venomous and the other ten are completely harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

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VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



Black Mamba (Dendroaspis polylepis)



Snouted Cobra (Naja annulifera)



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(Naja mossambica)



Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)



Common Purple-glossed Snake (Amblyodipsas polylepis)



Bibron's Stiletto Snake (Atractaspis bibronii)



Puff Adder





Southern African Python (Python natalensis)



Dwarf Sand Snake (Psammophis angolensis) - photo Ashley Kemp



Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake (Psammophis subtaeniatus)





(Telescopus semiannulatus)



(Philothamnus semivariegatus) - photo Luke Kemp



Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis)

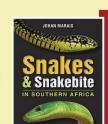


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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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 helpline 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.