



# SNAKEBITE PROFILE

## HORNED ADDER

*Bitis caudalis*



### Risk of Bites

Bites are not common - this is a very cryptic snake, which prefers to avoid humans.



### Most Bites

Most bites occur to snake keepers or people trying to capture a Horned Adder.



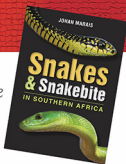
### Symptoms & Venom

The venom is largely cytotoxic and causes severe pain, and swelling. In a few cases minor necrosis has been recorded.



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– *Snakes and Snakebite in Southern Africa* (2024).



### First Aid

Immobilise and reassure the patient and elevate the affected limb. Remove tight clothing and jewelry. Transport the victim to the nearest hospital or doctor for pain management. Avoid all other first aid remedies including bandages.



### Medical Treatment

There is no antivenom for bites from Horned Adders, and patients may need to be treated for pain. No fatalities have been recorded by bites from this snake and symptoms resolve fully within a week or two.

