



Snakebite Profile

NAMAQUA DWARF ADDER

Bitis schneideri



Risk of Bites

The Namaqua Dwarf Adder is the smallest adder in the world and bites from this snake are exceptionally rare.



Most Bites

Bites would mainly be to snake handlers or those trying to photograph one.

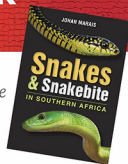


Symptoms & Venom

This snake possesses small quantities of cytotoxic venom, which may produce pain, swelling and discoloration at the site of the bite. Due to the size of the snake and limited venom yield, most bites are mild.

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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 this snake, and victims are treated symptomatically. Bites from this snake usually resolve fully within a few days.

