SNAKEBITE PROFILE

SNOUTED NIGHT ADDER

Causus defilippii



Risk of Bites

This is a small snake, which is not commonly encountered. Very few bites have been recorded.



Most Bites

Bites mainly occur when stepping on this snake.



Symptoms & Venom

The venom of the Snouted Night Adder is mild, causing pain and swelling. The swelling usually subsides in a few days.

See pages 18-22 - Snakes and Snakehite 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 would be treated symptomatically for pain.

