

COMMON SNAKES OF RICHARDS BAY



Richards Bay has around twenty five different types of snakes. Six are considered highly venomous while another three can give a painful bite. Most snakes encountered are mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



VENOMOUS

Natal Black Snake
(*Macrelaps microlepidotus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Marbled Tree Snake
(*Dipsadaboa aulica*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

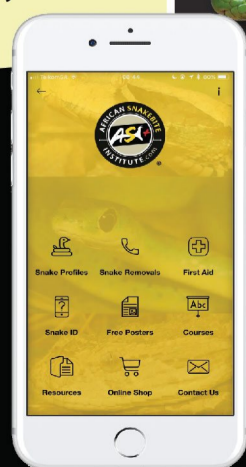
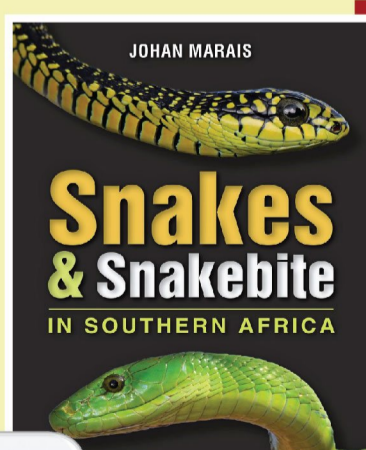
Eastern Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)

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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: 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.