

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE FREE STATE



The Free State has thirty-six different types of snakes. Sixteen species are not venomous, while twelve snake species are mildly venomous. Five can inflict a painful bite and three species are considered highly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



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Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



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VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus lubricus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



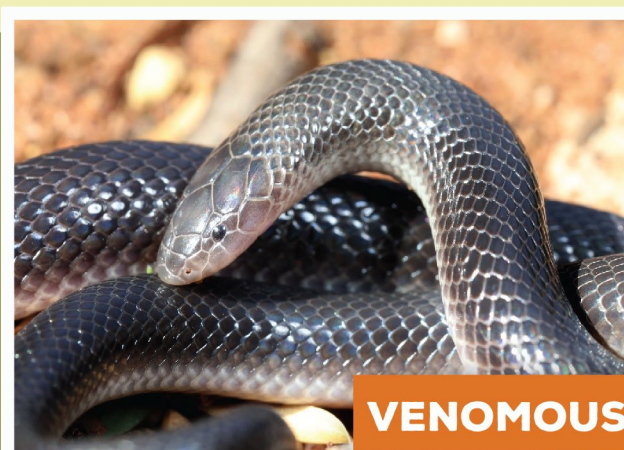
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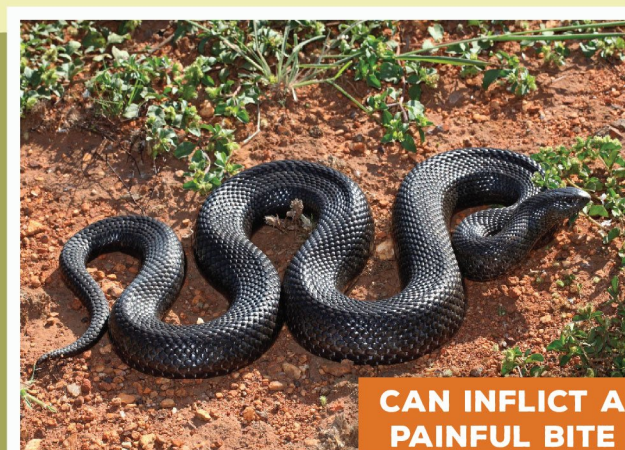
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Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



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CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

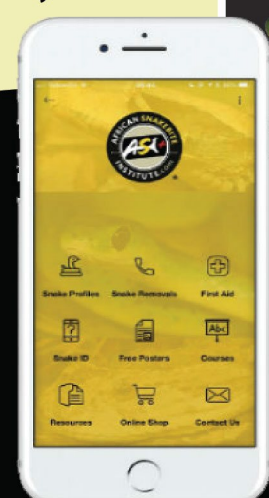
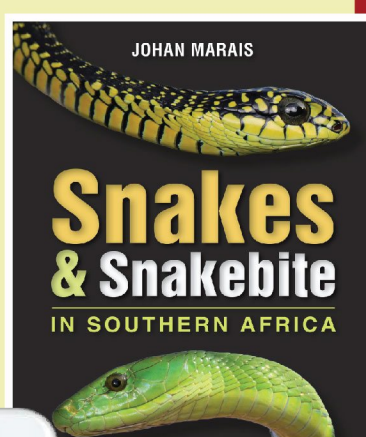
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(*Pseudaspis cana*)



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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.

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.