

DANGEROUS SNAKES, SCORPIONS & SPIDERS OF THE WEST COAST



The West Coast has a number of potentially dangerous snakes, scorpions and spiders. The majority of snakes, scorpions and spiders encountered will be harmless or mildly venomous. This poster represents the most dangerous species in these groups.

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Can cause
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite or sting
but does not require
antivenom



**HIGHLY
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Cape Cobra - adult
(*Naja nivea*)



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**HIGHLY
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Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



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Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



**HIGHLY
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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
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Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
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Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



**HIGHLY
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Rough Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus granulatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Cape Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



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Cape Thicktail Scorpion - dark form
(*Parabuthus capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



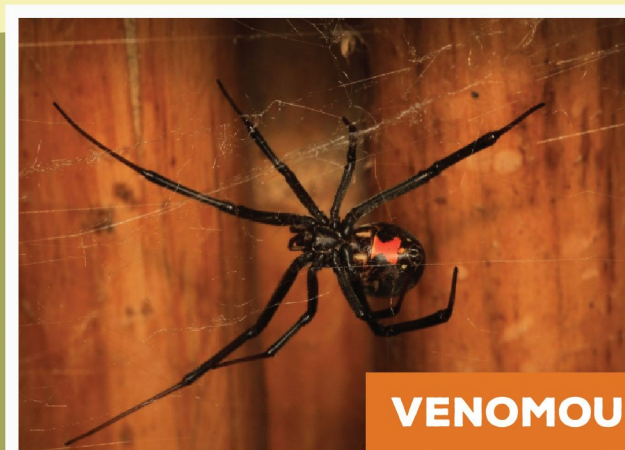
**CAN INFLICT A
PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



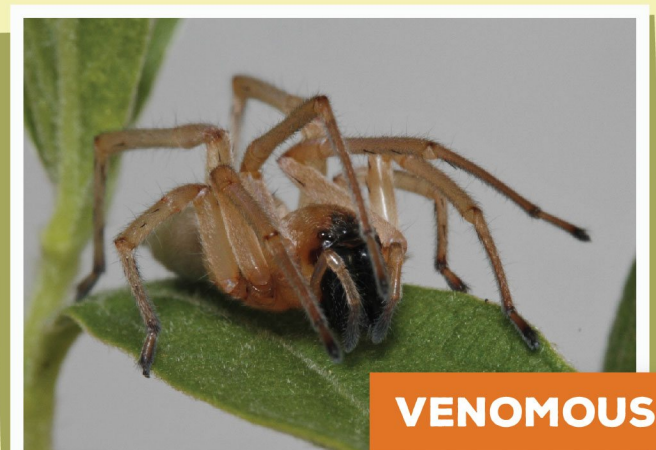
**HIGHLY
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Black Button Spider
(*Latrodectus sp.*)



VENOMOUS

Brown Button Spider
(*Latrodectus sp.*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Sac Spider
(*Cheiracanthium sp.*) - photo Ashley Kemp

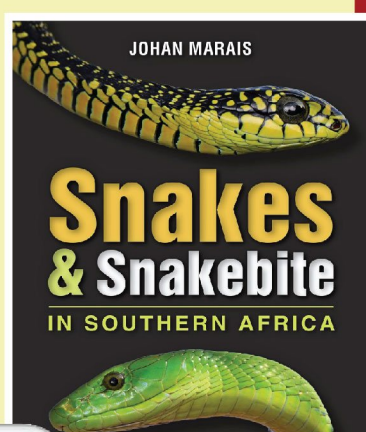
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A BITE OR STING

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and in snakebites or scorpion stings transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 In suspected spider bites consult a medical doctor.
- 3 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration.
- 4 If possible, photograph the snake, spider or scorpion and send the photograph to **0824942039** via WhatsApp for positive identification.

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.