

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF ZAMBIA



Zambia has one hundred and one species of snakes of which forty three are considered harmless. Eleven species can give a bad bite. Sixteen species are highly venomous and potentially deadly to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities.

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom.



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Jameson's Mamba
(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*) - photo Bill Branch



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Savanna Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Boomslang
(*Dispholidus kivuensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Anchieta's Cobra
(*Naja anchietae*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*) - photo Luke Kemp



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Kemp



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*) - photo Chad Keates



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) - photo Luke Kemp

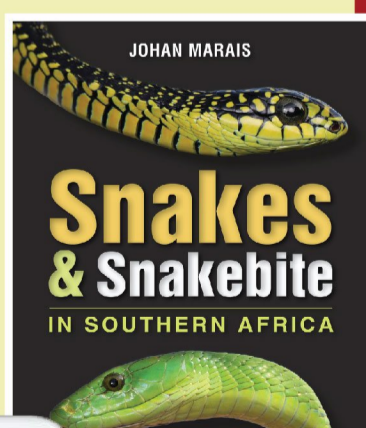
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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: +27 861 555 777.

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.