

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE LOWVELD



The Lowveld has seventy-five different types of snakes. Thirty-six species are not venomous, while twenty-one snake species are mildly venomous. Eleven can inflict a painful bite and seven species are considered highly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



**HIGHLY
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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Snouted Cobra - standard form
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Snouted Cobra - banded form
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY
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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY
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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



VENOMOUS

Boulenger's Garter Snake
(*Elapsoidea boulengeri*)



VENOMOUS

Boulenger's Garter Snake - juvenile
(*Elapsoidea boulengeri*)



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



VENOMOUS

Speckled Shield-nose Snake
(*Aspidelaps scutatus scutatus*)



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Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



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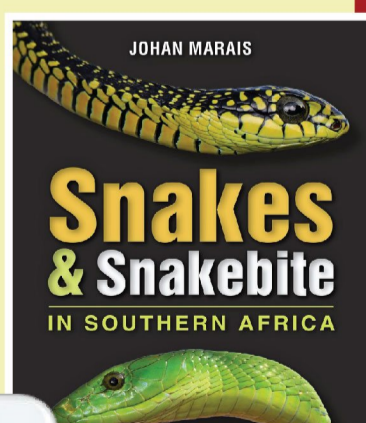
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.