

COMMON SNAKES OF SWARTBERG NATURE RESERVE



**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**

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



VENOMOUS

Red Adder
(*Bitis rubida*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psmmophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Alopecion guttatum*)



HARMLESS

Sundevall's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna sundevallii*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)

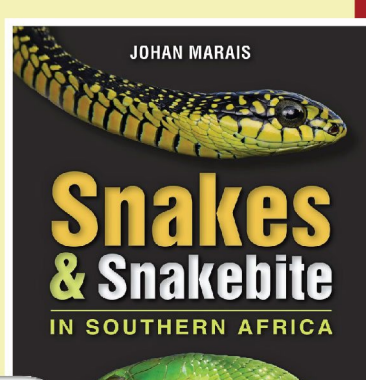
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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.