

# COMMON SNAKES OF CRADOCK / NXUBA



Cradock / Nxuba has around twenty different types of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous while another one is venomous and one can give a bad bite. Most snakes encountered are mildly venomous or harmless.

## 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**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

**Cape Coral Snake**  
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Karoo Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*) - Photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**Mole Snake - adult**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

**Mole Snake - juvenile**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*) - Photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Duberria lutrix*)

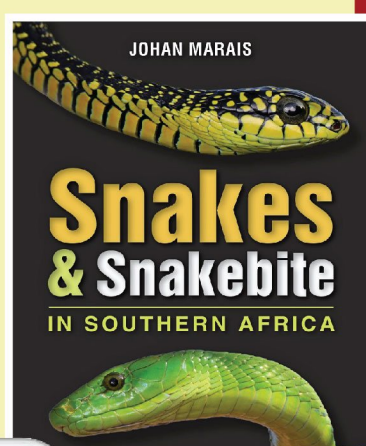
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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### 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.

### 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.