

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



Southern Africa has one hundred and seventy-seven different types of snakes. Seventy-eight are not venomous, while thirty can inflict rather painful bites. Nineteen species are considered potentially deadly.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



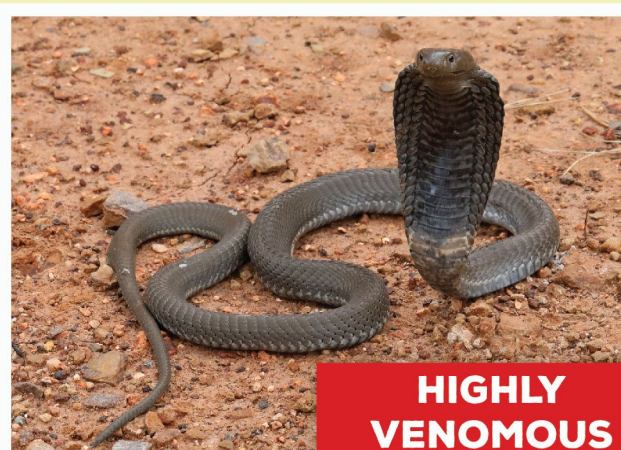
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annuliifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Zebra Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta nigricincta*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



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Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



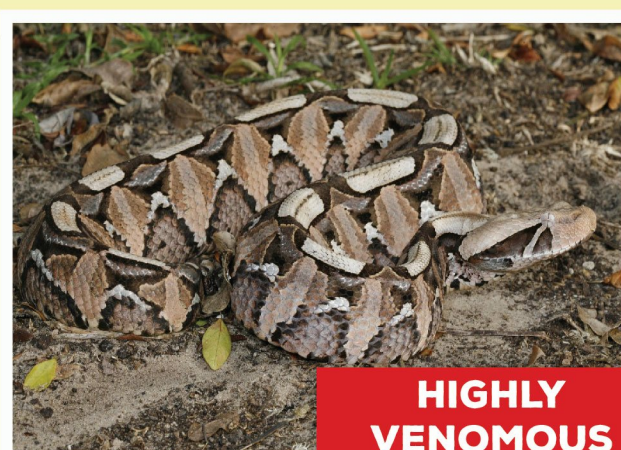
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Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



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Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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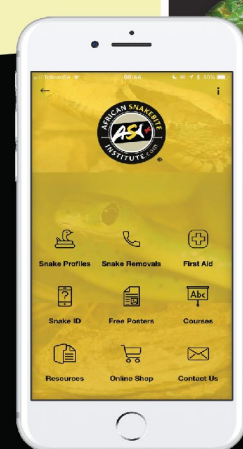
Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

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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.