

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE WESTERN CAPE



Southern Africa has in the region of 170 different types of snakes. Although more than half of them are technically venomous, only 14 species are considered potentially deadly.



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Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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Boomslang male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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Boomslang female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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Boomslang juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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Coral Cobra
(*Aspidelaps lubricus lubricus*)



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Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*) Photo Marius Burger



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Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



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Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



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Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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Many-horned Adder
(*Bitis cornuta*)



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Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



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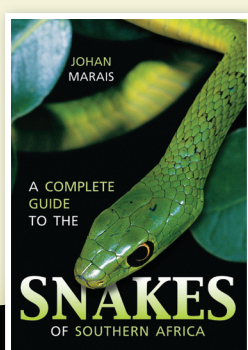
Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



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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.
- 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 21 9316129.

DO NOT

- ... 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.