

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE WESTERN CAPE



The Western Cape has forty-two different types of snakes. Nineteen species are not venomous, while nine snake species are mildly venomous. Eight can inflict a painful bite and six species are considered highly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



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Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



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



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Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
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Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



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Red Adder
(*Bitis rubida*)



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Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



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Southern Adder
(*Bitis armata*)



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Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

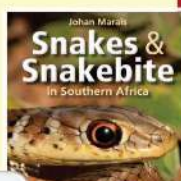
Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus*)

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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.