

HEALTH AND SAFETY TALKS



SAFETY FIRST



PROTECTION



REGULATION



HAZARDS



HEALTH



INSURANCE

COMMON HARMLESS SNAKES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

HARMLESS
Not dangerous
to humans

**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**
Not thought
to be harmful



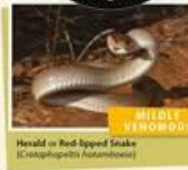
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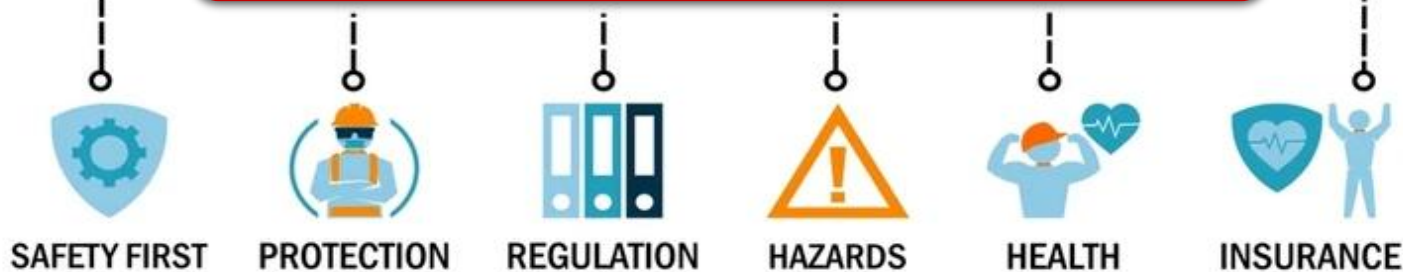


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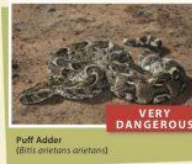
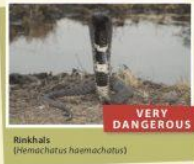
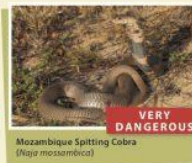
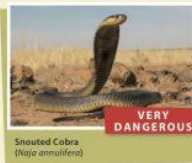
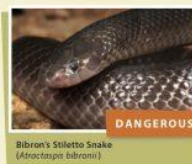
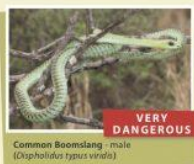
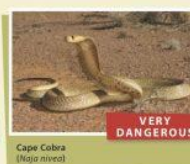
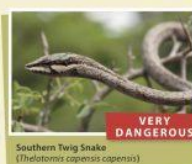
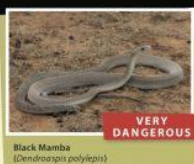
DANGEROUS SNAKES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



Southern Africa has one hundred and seventy three different types of snakes. Seventy two are not venomous, while twenty nine can inflict rather painful bites. Twenty species are considered potentially deadly.

VERY DANGEROUS
Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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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.

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