# COMMON SNAKES of STANGER/KWADUKUZA



The Stanger area has around 30 species of snakes. Six species are highly venomous and another three are venomous. Four species are mildly venomous and another one can inflict a nasty bite. The other sixteen species are harmless.

HIGHLY

Has caused human fatalities

**VENOMOUS** 

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



Black Mamba (Dendroaspis polylepis)



Green Mamba (Dendroaspis angusticeps)



Brown Forest Cobra



Mozambique Spitting Cobra



Common Night Adder (Causus rhombeatus)



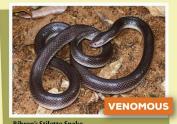
Puff Adder



Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)



Southern Vine Snake



(Atractaspis bibronii)



Southern African Python (Python natalensis)



Short-snouted Grass Snake



Herald Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia



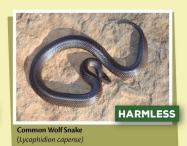
(Philothamnus semivariegatus)



(Philothampus natalensis)



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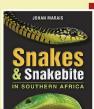


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## **EMERGENCY PROTOCOL**

#### 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 helpline 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.