



SNAKEBITE PROFILE

RED ADDER

Bitis rubida



Risk of Bites

This snake has a limited distribution in South Africa and bites are extremely rare.



Most Bites

Due to its limited distribution, bites would most likely be to people trying to catch or photograph a snake.

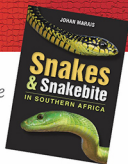


Symptoms & Venom

Little is known about the venom of this snake. It is largely cytotoxic, causing pain and swelling.

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– *Snakes and Snakebite in Southern Africa* (2024).



First Aid

Immobilise and reassure the patient and elevate the affected limb. Remove tight clothing and jewelry. Transport the victim to the nearest hospital or doctor for pain management. Avoid all other first aid remedies including bandages.



Medical Treatment

There is no antivenom for bites from this snake, and doctors would treat a bite symptomatically.

