



WATCH OUT *for* SNAKES!

If a **SNAKE BITES** you:





- Remain calm & call the Poison Help line immediately.
1-800-222-1222
- Immobilize the bitten limb or body part at or slightly below heart level.
- Note the time the bite happened.
- Remove all tight clothing or jewelry.
- Wash the bite area with soap and water if it does not cause delay.
- Get to a hospital as quickly as possible, preferably by ambulance.

Do

- Don't try to capture or kill the snake, but try to remember its color and shape so you can describe it, which will help in your treatment. If you can do so safely and without delay, take a photo with a cell phone camera.
- Don't use a tourniquet.
- Don't use any form of suction.
- Don't cut the wound.
- Don't apply heat, cold, electricity or any substances to the bite.
- Don't drink caffeine or alcohol or take any drugs.

Don't

IS IT *Venomous?*

VENOMOUS	NON-VENOMOUS
ELLIPTICAL PUPILS  FANGS	ROUND PUPILS  SMALL, JAGGED TEETH
 TRIANGULAR HEAD* <small>*Exception: Brown water snake</small>	 NARROW HEAD** <small>**Exception: Coral snake</small>

There are various types of these snakes in different regions of the United States. While their general features are the same, there are some minor differences in appearance.



Symptoms of a SNAKE BITE:

- Intense pain spreading out from the bite
- Puncture wounds from fangs
- Progressive swelling and bruising where bitten.
- Sweating
- Weakness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Muscle twitching
- Metallic taste in mouth
- Light headedness or loss of consciousness



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 POISON HELP LINE INTO YOUR PHONE 