

# Tip of the month

## Snake bite

The summer season is the time when snakes become active.

If a snake bite occurs **the most important thing** to do is to get the person to a medical facility as soon as possible. Do not waste time by cutting, sucking or fiddling with the bite site. Phone the hospital and let them know that you are on your way.

Some snakes can spit e.g. Mozambique spitting cobra and rinkhals. Immediately rinse eyes with water for at least 20 minutes.

Not all snakes are poisonous, the common house snake, mole snake and skaapsteker are amongst those considered harmless.

**When in doubt phone the poison centre (0861 555 777)**



Cape Cobra

Puff Adder

Mozambique spitting cobra

Mamba



Skaapsteker

Brown house snake

Mole snake