

# VENOMOUS SNAKES OF FLORIDA



Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake



Pigmy Rattlesnake



Canebrake Rattlesnake



Copperhead

**IDENTIFICATION OF PIT VIPERS**  
*(Rattlesnakes, Copperhead, Cottonmouth)*  
 Pupils elliptical, sensory pit present between nostril and eye, scales on underside of tail are single row.



Cottonmouth (Water Moccasin)\*



Coral Snake

**IDENTIFICATION OF CORAL SNAKES**  
 Red and yellow rings touch (every other ring yellow). Similar non-venomous species, such as the Scarlet King Snake, have red and black rings touching (every other ring black) and can be confused with Coral Snake.



Non-Venomous Scarlet King Snake

## EMERGENCY TREATMENT

**Do**

- ✓ Calm and reassure the victim
- ✓ Remove jewelry or tight clothes covering bitten extremity
- ✓ Immobilize extremity if possible
- ✓ Keep bitten area at or below heart level
- ✓ Wash gently
- ✓ Seek medical attention as soon as possible
- ✓ Be prepared to treat for shock

**Don't**

- ✗ Don't feed the victim
- ✗ Don't place ice on bitten extremity
- ✗ Don't make cuts around bitten area
- ✗ Don't apply a tourniquet

**POISON**  
**Help**  **TM**  
**1-800-222-1222**

**Call the Florida Poison Information Center for consultation with a toxicologist and for instructions on the use of antivenin.**

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