

# VENOMOUS SNAKES OF FLORIDA



Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake



Pigmy Rattlesnake



Canebrake Rattlesnake



Copperhead

**IDENTIFICATION OF PIT VIPERS**  
*(Rattlesnakes, Copperhead, Cottonmouth)*  
 Large triangular head, pupils elliptical, sensory pit between nostril and eye



Cottonmouth/Water Moccasin

## POISONOUS



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) & can be confused with the Coral Snake.

## NON-POISONOUS



Scarlet King Snake

- 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**
- ✗ Feed the victim.
  - ✗ Make cuts around bitten area.
  - ✗ Place ice on bitten extremity.
  - ✗ Apply a tourniquet.

**POISON**  
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**1-800-222-1222**

Call the Florida Poison Information Center Network for immediate assistance with any snake bite.



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