VENOMOUS SNAKES OF FLORIDA

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

**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.

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**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.

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POISON Help
1-800-222-1222

Call the Florida Poison Information Network for information or emergency assistance.

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