

# venomous snakes

of Florida

## things you should **know** about venomous snakes

Most snake bites occur when people attempt to capture or hold a snake, or when they accidentally step on a resting snake.

**Here are a few simple tips to avoid a bite:**

- Never attempt to kill or capture a wild snake*
- Wear closed toe shoes when outdoors*
- Teach children to avoid all snakes*
- Learn to identify the venomous snakes in your area*

**If you are ever bitten by a venomous snake, immediately call 911.**

**If you find a snake and want it safely removed, contact:**

*Wildlife Solutions  
800-246-9453  
wildlifesolutions.com*

**To learn about the snakes in your area, or to teach children how to stay safe around snakes, visit:**

*The Reptile Discovery Center  
386-740-9143  
reptilediscoverycenter.com*

## who should you call?

**The experts at Wildlife Solutions remove:**

- Raccoons
- Squirrels
- Bats
- Snakes
- Birds
- Opossum
- Skunks
- ...and more



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### E. Diamondback Rattlesnake



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- Adults 4 - 6 ft., heavy body, triangular head
- Repeating diamond pattern on back
- Segmented rattles at end of tail
- Largest, most dangerous snake in U.S.
- Does not always rattle before striking



### Cottonmouth/Water Moccasin



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- Adults 2 - 4 ft., heavy body, triangular head
- Dark line runs from back of eye to rear of jaw
- Dull brownish black color as adult
- Body pattern of juveniles appear similar to Copperhead
- Common in suburban areas, found near water
- Defensive attitude, able to bite under water



\* Juvenile

### Copperhead



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- Adults 2 - 3 ft., triangular head
- Golden brown color with light brown to grey crossbands
- Dark bands have hourglass shape
- Excellent camouflage - easy to step on
- Found only in limited areas of FL's panhandle



### Dusky Pygmy Rattlesnake



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- Adults 1 - 2 ft., triangular head
- Grey body color with dark patches over red spinal stripe
- Tiny, barely audible rattles at end of tail
- Common in suburban areas
- Accounts for more snakebites in FL than any other species



### Eastern Coral Snake



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- Adults 1 - 2 ft., slender body
- Brightly colored bands of black, yellow, and red
- Small, narrow head with black nose
- Venom is 3 times more toxic than a King Cobra
- Antivenom for Coral Snake bites is scarce

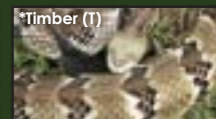


### Canebrake/Timber Rattlesnake



\*Canebrake (C)  
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- Adults 3 - 4 ft., triangular head
- Grey/brown to pink body color with dark crossbands; tail fades to near black
- Found in N. Florida, as far south as Gainesville
- C/T are same species, C is lowland & T is upland
- Extremely toxic venom that can be fatal
- Never touch, even if thought to be dead



\*Canebrake (C)

\*Timber (T)