Pit Viper Safety

What are Pit Vipers?
Rattlesnakes, Copperhead Snakes, Cottonmouth Snakes

What do they look like?
- Triangular shaped heads
- Heat sensing pits between their eyes and nostrils
- Elliptical pupils
- Rattlesnakes have rattles, but copperheads and cottonmouths do not

Prevention:
- Never touch a Pit Viper (even if you think it is dead)
- Give a Pit Viper plenty of space (they strike when afraid)
- Wear shoes and long pants when walking in brushy or wooded areas
- Never reach under rocks or trees without looking first

First Aid:
- Keep the victim calm
- Call for help right away
- Do not attempt to suck out the venom
- Do not apply tourniquets, ice or heat to the bite site
- Remove jewelry and tight fitting clothing

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