## **Pit Viper Safety**<br/>What are Pit Vipers?

**Rattlesnakes, Copperhead Snakes, Cottonmouth Snakes** 

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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

Keep the victim calm

**First Aid** 

- 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