Snakebite Symptoms And First Aid Advice

Firstly, before the snake bite first aid and treatment advice, brownie points for anyone who can identify the snake species AND sub-species...

It’s a fact - most people who get bitten by snakes are bitten because of their ignorance or stupidity. They were either not taking the appropriate precautions in snake country, or they were plain stupid and picked up an unidentified snake. In fact one of the most common snake bite victims are drunk people who stumble across a snake and try messing around with it. That said, even the most experienced outdoors person can, and do, get bitten by snakes.

Regardless of why you got bitten, the questions is, what should you do?

Well firstly you should know that the vast majority of snakes worldwide are non-venomous, BUT, if you cannot identify the snake that bite you, you should assume it was venomous and follow the snake bite first aid and treatment advice below. You should also pay attention to the list of things you should not do; there are a lot of myths about what to do when bitten by a snake, and some of these can get you into even more trouble.
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