**VENOMOUS SNAKES OF THE HORN OF AFRICA**

### Venomous Snake Identification

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<th>Color/Pattern</th>
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### Burrowing Asps

- **Narrow Neck**
- **Wide Head, Smooth Scales**
- **Elliptical Pupils**
- **Round Fangs**
- **Fixed Front Fangs**
- **Vertical Scales**
- **5-9 feet in length**
- **3 feet in length**

### Booming, Vine and Tree Snakes

- **Mamba**
- **Garter Snake**
- **Boa**
- **Rattlesnake**

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4. **Locate bivouacs away from piles of brush, rocks, or other debris.**
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