Snake bites are an uncommon occurrence in the State of New York.

From 2000 to 2010 there were 473 reported snakebites to the 5 Poison Control Centers of New York (That averages less than 1 bite per week in the whole state)

Of those, only 14% of the total bites were from venomous snakes, and only 35 bites in the 10 year period required antivenom.

In New York there are 3 types of venomous snakes

1) [the timber rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crotalus_horridus%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

2) [the northern copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix mokasen)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agkistrodon_contortrix_mokasen%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

3) [the eastern massasauga (Sistrurus catenatus catenatus)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sistrurus_catenatus%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

For suspected venomous bites, all 3 native new york poisonous snake bite respond to the anti-venom **[CroFab](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CroFab%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** (Crotalidae Polyvalent Immune Fab Snake Antivenom)

Be careful though as many snake bites called into the poison centers were from pet snakes and non-native snakes. In these cases rely on the owner of the snake to give you information on the species/genus.

If you have a snake bite, don't hesitate to call your local poison control center for guidance **(1-800-222-1222)** and for help arranging antivenom if indicated.