

Pit Viper Safety

What are Pit Vipers?

Rattlesnakes, Copperhead Snakes, Cottonmouth Snakes

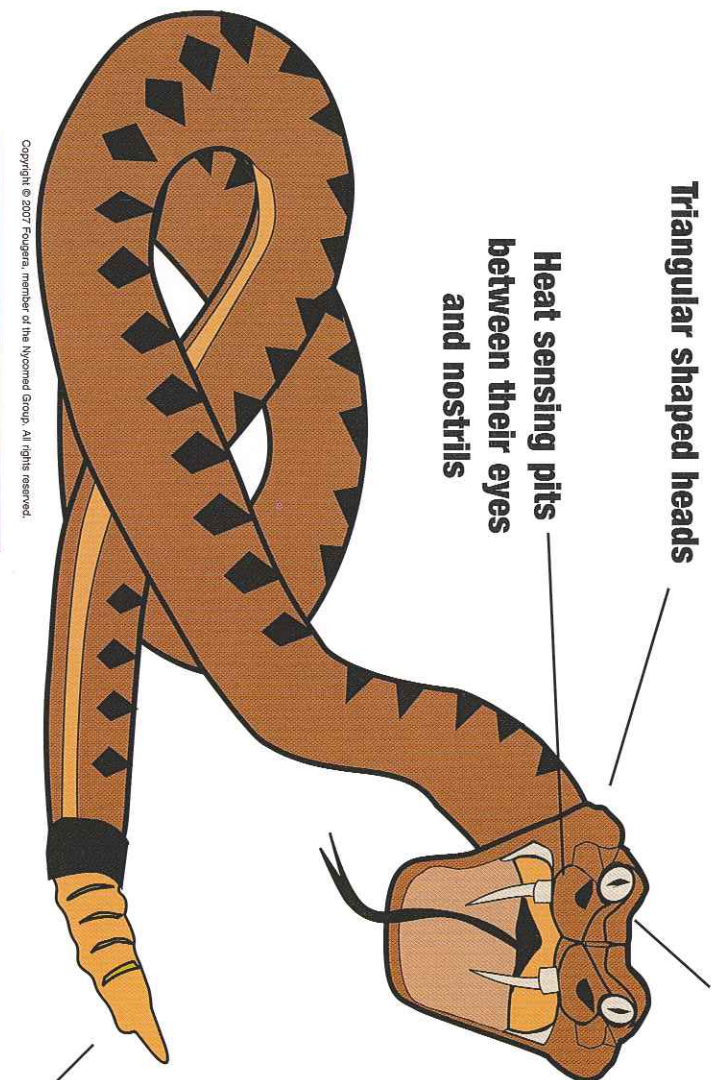


What do they look like?

Triangular shaped heads

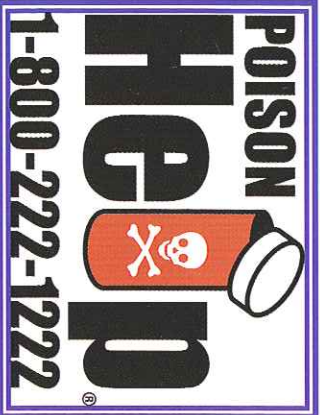
Elliptical pupils

Heat sensing pits
between their eyes
and nostrils



Rattlesnakes have rattles,
but copperheads and
cottonmouths do not

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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

