

Emergency Response Plan



Medical Facility

Name	
Emergency Tel No	
Physical Address	
Ambulance Service	

Animal Hospital

Name	
Emergency Tel No	
Physical Address	

Emergency Reponse Plan Instructions

The foundations of effective emergency response for any bite or sting is the emergency response plan. This simple document applies to all medical emergencies not just scorpion stings, and is the most important item to have close at hand and is vital in the heat of the moment. It contains 4 sections.

- **Medical Facility/ Animal Hospital** - Contact details of your nearest (or preferred) medical facility and veterinarian, their address and the contact number of their ambulance service.
- **Poison Information Helpline** - Contact details of a poison information helpline that can be contacted for advice. In South Africa the Tygerberg Poison Information Helpline is a national poison information helpline. Their emergency contact number is 086 155-5777.
- **Removal & Relocation Specialist** - There is a network of community volunteers who remove snakes and other venomous animals from your house or premises. Contact your local snake park, herpetologist interest group, conservation or community neighbourhood watch for their contact details. Many of these volunteers work on a donation basis which covers their petrol, time and equipment. Please support these volunteer as they perform a vital public service in conserving animals and responding to a sting. Include the name and contact details of your local removal and relocation specialist who will be able to remove venomous animals safely and effectively.
- **Notes/ Other Details** - There are other details that will be useful in case of an emergency. Your doctors name and contact details, medical aid numbers, details of any allergies, any pre-existing medical conditions, immediate family members and chronic medications.

Display your emergency response plan and notes in a prominent place such as on your fridge, in your study or in your first aid kit. A good idea is to take a picture of the plan using your mobile phone. In the case of emergency, make sure that these pages can be taken together with the patient to the nearest medical assistance. It is a good idea to revise this plan once a year.



Do You Need Help?

If you are not sure how to react to a bite or sting, then scan the QR Code or visit www.Scorpions.co.za/first-response for guidelines and assistance.