IN THE DANGER ZONE



From deadly BOX JELLYFISH to
malaria MOSQUITOES to venomous SNAKES

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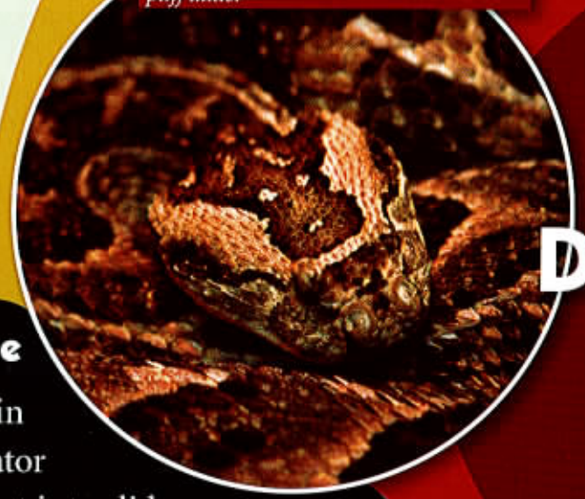
1 What's a Danger Zone?

Dangerous When Threatened

The area around an animal may become a danger zone for other animals and humans.

If an animal feels threatened, it will defend itself.

VERTEBRATE: REPTILE
puff adder



A Snake's Danger Zone

Imagine a snake snoozing in the Sun. If it senses a predator invading its zone, its instinct is to slide away. If its path is blocked, it will defend itself.

Enter the snake's danger zone and you risk getting a snakebite.



DANGER ZONES

INVERTEBRATE: INSECT
red bull ant



Keep CLEAR of the **DANGER ZONES!**

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A Bull Ant's Danger Zone

Look down at the ground and you might see a large bull ant walking among smaller ants. The bull ant will only sting you if you get in its way.

Stay clear of the bull ant's danger zone.

It can sting over and over again!

A Jellyfish's Danger Zone

Swim in areas where jellyfish live and you may be entering their danger zone – near their tentacles.

Keep clear of the jellyfish's danger zone.

You risk painful stings that could kill you or make you ill.

Not all jellyfish are dangerous to humans.



INVERTEBRATE: MARINE
sea nettle jellyfish

2 Deadly and Dangerous Animals

The World's Deadliest Animals

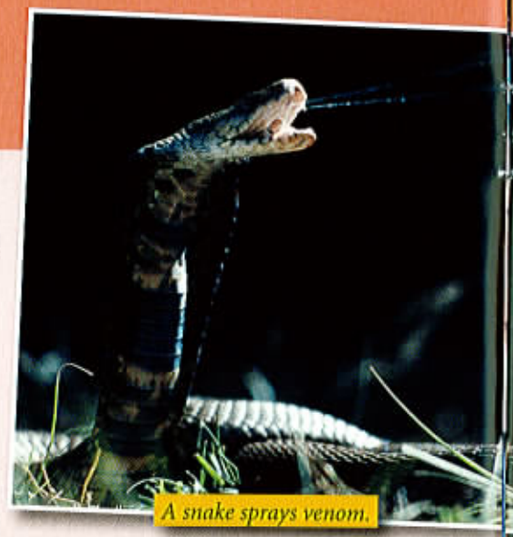

A crocodile snaps up for attack.

When deadly animals sense danger in the zone around them, they may attack.

Natural Instinct

Their natural instinct is to protect themselves and their young in order to survive.

Remember that animals only become deadly and dangerous towards us if we enter their danger zone.


A snake sprays venom.


A jellyfish stings.


A scorpion bites.

ATTACK!

Top Ten Most Deadly Animals

Ten of the most deadly animals in the world for humans are the:

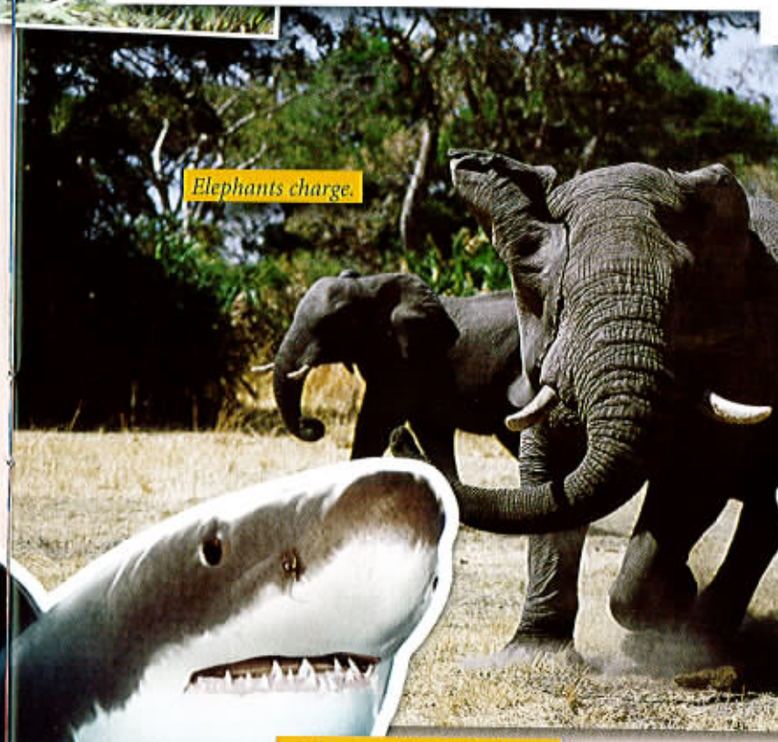
1. mosquito
2. venomous snake
3. scorpion
4. large cat (lion, cougar)
5. crocodile
6. elephant
7. hippopotamus
8. jellyfish
9. shark
10. bear.

Note: Each country may have a different list of top ten most deadly animals.


A bear growls.


A hippopotamus crushes.


A mosquito bites.


Elephants charge.

A great white shark bites.


A lion roars.

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