**IDENTIFICATION OF PIT VIPERS**
(Rattlesnakes, Copperhead, Cottonmouth)

Pupils elliptical, sensory pit present between nostril and eye, scales on underside of tail are single row.

**IDENTIFICATION OF CORAL SNAKES**
Red and yellow rings touch (every other ring yellow). Similar non-venomous species, such as the Scarlet King Snake, have red and black rings touching (every other ring black) and can be confused with Coral Snake.

**EMERGENCY TREATMENT**

**Do**
- Calm and reassure the victim
- Remove jewelry or tight clothes covering bitten extremity
- Immobilize extremity if possible
- Keep bitten area at or below heart level
- Wash gently
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible
- Be prepared to treat for shock

**Don’t**
- Don’t feed the victim
- Don’t place ice on bitten extremity
- Don’t make cuts around bitten area
- Don’t apply a tourniquet

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