Frequently remind your child about the danger of snakes during Spring and early Summer when snakes come out.

Keep children away from areas where snakes may live, such as wooded areas, under porches, and near dead trees or lakes.

Keep outdoor play areas clear of debris.

Make sure your children wear shoes and socks (not just flip-flops) when playing outside. Better yet, leather boots.

Teach children not to approach snakes or reach towards snakes, and to tell an adult if they see a snake.

CALL the national Poison Center (from anywhere in the U.S), 800-222-1222.

VISIT georgiapoisoncenter.org for free online chat. They have translators, too!

GO get it checked out.

Offer an over-the-counter pain reliever.

Remove any jewelry, clothing or other items on the extremity with the wound.

Try to capture or kill the snake.

Apply a tourniquet or restrict blood flow.

Cut open the wound.

Attempt to suck venom from the wound (this only happens in old Western movies!).

Apply heat or cold to the bite.

Elevate the wound if it's on an extremity; try to keep it level with the heart.

Give your child anything to eat or drink as you head to the Emergency Room.