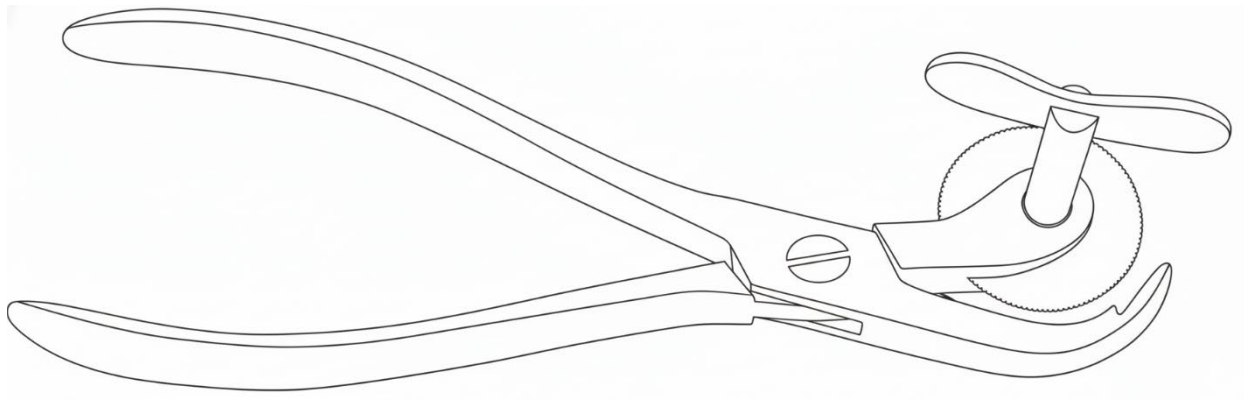


# RING CUTTING PLIER INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are for the safe removal of a ring from a swollen or injured finger using a manual ring cutter.



## Materials Needed:

Ring Cutting Pliers

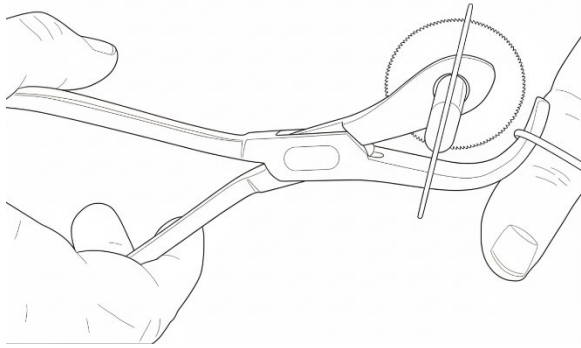
Mild antiseptic cleanser

Water or a skin-safe lubricant

Small pliers or a ring-spreading tool

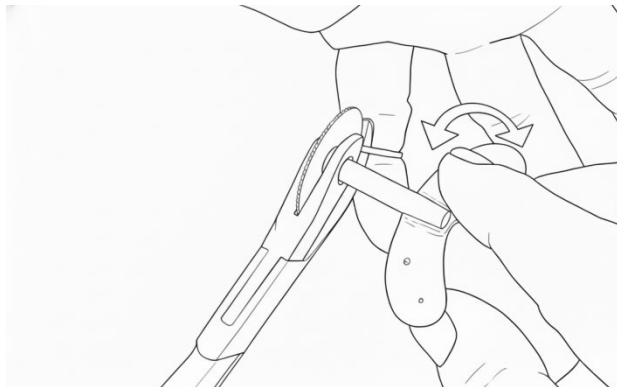
## Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. **Clean the Area** Gently cleanse the finger and the skin around the trapped ring using a mild antiseptic cleanser. Pat the area dry. This helps reduce the risk of infection.
2. **Position the Guard** Carefully slide the small, flat hook (the guard or safety lever) of the ring cutter under the ring. This guard is essential as it creates a barrier to protect the person's finger from the saw blade.
3. **Position the Blade** Rotate the circular, saw-toothed wheel (the blade) so that its edge rests directly on the part of the ring you intend to cut.



## 4. Cut the Ring

- 4a. **Begin Cutting:** Firmly grip the plier handles and begin to slowly turn the small key or knob on the side of the tool. This action will rotate the blade and begin to cut through the metal.
- 4b. **Use Gentle Pressure:** Apply slow, steady pressure. Let the saw blade do the work. Do not try to force the cut, as this can be dangerous and less effective.
- 4c. **Manage Heat:** The friction from cutting can create heat. To prevent burns, you can apply a small amount of water or lubricant to the cutting area.



- 4d. **Make a Second Cut (If Needed):** If the ring is made of a very hard material or is very thick, it may not come off after one cut. If this is the case, carefully rotate the ring on the finger and make a second cut on the opposite side.

## 5. Remove the Ring

5a. Spread the Ring: Once the ring is completely cut through, use a pair of small pliers or a specialized ring spreader. Insert the tips of the tool into the new gap.

5b. Gently Pry Apart: Carefully and gently pull the cut ends of the ring apart. The ring should now be loose enough to be safely removed from the finger.

## After Care

Once the ring is removed, clean the finger again with an antiseptic.

Check for any abrasions or cuts.

If the finger is severely swollen, discolored, or was injured, advise the person to seek medical attention.