

Jewelry and surgery

What type of body jewelry needs to be removed before surgery?

All types of body jewelry and piercings must removed, such as:

- all rings – including wedding rings
- toe rings
- earrings
- chains
- necklaces
- barbells
- watches
- bracelets
- spacers
- bangles
- labrets
- captive bead rings
- religious/sacred medals/objects

Why do I need to remove my body jewelry before surgery?

There are many reasons to remove body jewelry including:

- burns from the equipment
- swelling of fingers and toes (finger and toe rings may need to be cut off)
- choking or other injuries from mouth jewelry
- loss of jewelry or precious stones
- wound infection
- tearing or injuring the area near the jewelry
- the risk of injury to the hospital staff

What if I cannot remove my body jewelry before surgery?

Your jewelry must come off before you come to the hospital. Please go to a jeweller who can remove your jewelry as this can prevent unnecessary damage.

You may want to go to a body piercing salon to help you remove your piercings.

What if there is an infection near my body jewelry?

Please let the nurse know that you may have an infection near your body jewelry.

When can I put my jewelry back on?

You can put your jewelry back on as soon as you are on the ward.

What if I cannot put it back on myself?

A family member may be able to help you put your jewelry back in. You can also contact a body piercing salon. They will put the jewelry back in for a small fee.