

You have two choices:

- 1 Carefully trim the remaining part of the arrow shaft close to your friend's hand and then quickly remove it. You will need to be prepared to clean and pack the wound afterward. Prep your materials before starting. Once clean you should consider evacuating him to the hospital for further assessment and treatment. If the shaft does not come free easily you will need to take him to the hospital for surgical removal.
- 2 As best as possible secure the arrow shaft in position by wrapping around it with strips of cloth (a T-shirt roll) and evacuate him to the hospital for surgical removal.

The first option, if executed well, will decrease the chance of infection. The second option will be painful and may increase the soft tissue damage if the arrow shaft is moved a lot during transport. Discuss both with your friend.