

# Workplace No Jewellery Holder

## Here are a few quickie tips when launching and handing out the jewellery holders:

- ▶ Demonstrate to workers how to clasp all sized wedding rings, wrist watches, bracelets, and most sized earrings and some piercing too.
- ▶ A simple squeeze on the thumb pads and voila; a worker's valuable and irreplaceable personal, religious and Medical Alert jewellery are kept safe, secure and protected --- ready as one for safekeeping in a padlocked location at work (change room locker, tool box, office desk drawer, car or truck glove box, etc.)
- ▶ And if secure padlocked location is unavailable, we recommend workers leave jewellery holders at home, putting it away in a place where they can SEE the Safety First message (Remove and attach your jewellery here) when dressing up for work (bathroom cabinet, dresser, cupboard, etc.)

**Your  
Logo  
Here!**

**SAFETY 24/7**

**SAFETY  
FIRST  
REMOVE  
AND ATTACH YOUR  
JEWELLERY HERE!**

**SAFETY  
FIRST  
VISITOR  
Jewellery Holder**

**SAFETY  
FIRST  
STUDENT  
Jewellery Holder**

**SAFETY  
FIRST  
PATIENT  
Jewellery Holder**

**SAFETY  
FIRST  
SOLDIER  
Jewellery Holder**

**SPORTS  
Jewellery  
Holder**



**Squeeze  
on the  
diagonal  
lines!**



## How To Use Your LeClasp Jewellery Holder.



Today men, women and children are wearing more and more jewellery --- from the traditional (wrist watches, engagement and wedding rings, bracelets and necklaces) to the trendy body piercing (nose, tongue, lip, cheek, belly button, navel and other body parts).

The one-of-a-kind LeClasp™ Jewellery Holder clasps up to 95% of all size and shape jewellery and various earrings and piercing too.

Simple to use as... 1-2-3!

1. Place thumb and index finger on the diagonal lines at the center
2. Firmly squeeze (see above diagram)
3. Add and remove jewellery at will

Your precious jewellery is kept safe, secure and protected as one - ready for safekeeping inside a padlock change room locker, sports/hand bag or jacket/cellular pocket. Consequently you will loose less valuable bling-bling too!

The portable, compact and convenient jewellery holder is a recommended handout to:

▶ Employees working in plants with strict no jewellery policies to help prevent harmful, at times life threatening, jewellery-related accidents and injuries that can happen when "dangling" neckwear, jewellery or other similar items worn in the place of work comes into contact or gets caught and stuck against objects, equipment and moving parts of machinery.

▶ Sports participants to prevent sports jewellery-related injuries that can occur when competitors wearing jewellery come in contact with a) players on his/her or opposing team, b) exercise equipment, gym walls, boards, fences in parks, etc. and, c) just for comfort (prevent blisters, cuts and contusions).

▶ Personal use when gardening, working in the garage, hotel rooms when vacationing, etc.

**BRAND NEW:** Do you wear customized Medical Alert Identification bracelets? Are you searching for a "non-dangling" substitute that can safely be worn in the workplace? If so, checkout Phase 2 of our Workplace No Jewellery Program and the LeClasp™ Medical Alert Identification **KEY** Holder. For details, visit us @ [www.leclasp.com/WorkplaceSafety](http://www.leclasp.com/WorkplaceSafety).

**COMPLIMENTS OF**

**Your  
Logo  
Here!**

*A "near miss" reported today  
is the accident that does  
not happen tomorrow.*

For more information, visit our website  
@ [www.leclasp.com/WorkplaceSafety](http://www.leclasp.com/WorkplaceSafety)

Now available for sports leagues.

# Remove All Jewelry



**Use Your  
Jewellery  
Holder!**



**Your  
Logo  
Here!**

**SAFETY 365**

Personnel shall be alerted to the potential hazard of entanglement in conveyors caused by items such as long hair, loose clothing and jewellery.

**Please... Remove Your Jewellery.**  
**Use Your Jewellery Holder.**



**Your  
Logo  
Here!**

**SAFETY 365**

# Please... Remove Your Jewellery.

## Use Your Jewellery Holder.



**Your  
Logo  
Here!**

**SAFETY 365**





# This Little Piggy...

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**H**ave you ever noticed most accidents happen when you least expect them? Well, there I was, just coming in from a field training exercise (FTX) and about to perform a simple task when an accident happened to me. I certainly wasn't expecting to wind up in the hospital that January day.

I'm a Bradley systems maintainer and maintenance platoon sergeant for a forward-support company. We'd just completed the FTX in preparation for a deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center and, after that, possibly Iraq. We were tired after spending 3 weeks in the field, but it was almost over—all we had left to do was clean our vehicles. At about 1700, the last of the vehicles were staged at the wash rack, so we went to work.

Everything about this day was relatively normal, with one notable exception: that morning, I'd taken my wedding ring off my dog tags and slipped it back on my left-hand ring finger. I figured since our

training was over, wearing my ring was no big deal. I say this is notable because I always wear my ring around my dog tags when I'm on duty, especially in the motor pool or in the field. I'd spent a year in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and the only times I put on my ring were when I left for R & R leave and when my unit redeployed home. That system worked well, and thankfully I came home not only alive but with all 10 fingers!

I needed to get my wet-weather gear, which was in a shelter on the back of an LMTV trailer. I climbed on the trailer, got my things, and grabbed the right side rail for balance as I prepared to climb back down. Unfortunately, my foot slipped as I stepped on the lower bumper, and I began to fall. My hand slid down the rail as I moved toward the ground, and my ring caught in one of the U-shaped grooves used for securing canvas covers on the trailer.

I was horrified as I looked at my finger. The skin and most of

the tissue on my ring finger was completely gone, and the bone from the first joint just above my fingernail was missing. I called out to the other guys and said, among other choice words, "Hey, get a medic, get the aid bag—I've lost my finger!"

Needless to say, I was in a lot of pain. Another Soldier got a combat lifesaver bag and pulled out a pressure bandage, which I wrapped around what was left of my finger. The commanding officer dialed 911 and had a pickup truck brought off the roadway so I could sit down and take off my helmet, weapon, and vest. We were only about 4 minutes from main post, so the ambulance arrived fairly quickly and took me to the emergency room at Darnell Army Community Hospital.

The doctors there told me the damage to my finger was so extensive they didn't know if any attempted repair would work. The tissue, nerves, and vessels were torn horizontally, and reattaching my finger would require 8 to 10

hours of surgery with no guarantee of success. In fact, there was only a 20-percent chance my finger wouldn't have to be amputated even with surgery due to the nerve and vessel damage, which reduced blood circulation in the injury to zero.

I faced a tough decision. The doctors told me my best course of action would be amputation because I would have a good chance of full recovery after rehabilitation. They let me decide, however, and after talking with my wife, I gave the doctors permission to amputate. They performed surgery that night, and my finger was amputated to the first joint—ironically, at the same place my wedding ring had rested just that morning.

It's been about 2 months since the accident, and I recently started rehab. I still feel a lot of pain, not just in my hand but all the way up my arm. The doctors explained some of the ligaments and tendons in my arm were pulled during the accident, and I'll experience phantom pain the rest of my life. I've lost about half the gripping power in my hand, which isn't good since I'm left-handed. I'll have to learn how to

## Giving the **Finger**

This soldier injured his pinky finger while serving in Iraq during the first year of conflict. The injury itself isn't very remarkable and he made a full recovery, but notice the ring next to the injured finger. It's never safe to wear rings or other jewelry in a field or combat environment. If the ring gets caught on something, you risk either a degloving injury (i.e., all the skin peeled off) or total amputation. Both injuries hurt a lot, so keep your ring in a safe place—not on your hand—when you're on duty.


*Special thanks to LTC Roman Bilynsky, MD, who submitted this photo from his time with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq.*



write and type again, but I can shoot right-handed—a definite plus for a Soldier. My long-term prognosis is pretty good, though; the doctors tell me that after about 4 months of occupational therapy I should be back to normal.

I share this story in the hope I'll open another Soldier's eyes and prevent them from making the same mistake. The doctors predict I'll be able to deploy back to theater with my unit later this year, but I could just as easily have lost my career that winter afternoon. Believe me, I'll do everything in my power to make sure I deploy with the Soldiers I've trained because I know they need me. I think it'll be a morale booster if my Soldiers can look at me and say, "If he lost a finger and is *still* here with us, we can do anything."

I'll be wearing my wedding ring on my right hand from now on, but I promise you this: I'll take it off whenever I put my uniform

on, no matter what's planned that day. You never know what might happen. I survived a year in Iraq unharmed only to come home and lose my finger because I was tired and wasn't thinking straight. Stay alert and realize even the simplest of tasks can hurt you in a big way. If it can happen to me, it can happen to you too! 

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Here!**

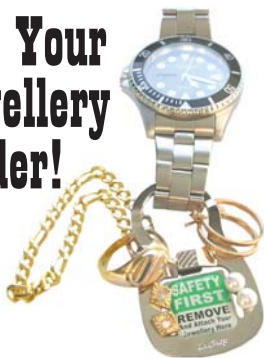
**SAFETY 365**

**Use Your  
Jewellery  
Holder!**



**Jewelry entanglement in machinery can  
remove a ring faster than any divorce**

**Use Your  
Jewellery  
Holder!**



**Your  
Logo  
Here!**

**SAFETY 365**

**AND YOU COULD LOSE MUCH MORE  
THAN THE RING**

# This could be you!



**Use Your  
Jewellery  
Holder!**



Completely  
amputated  
finger

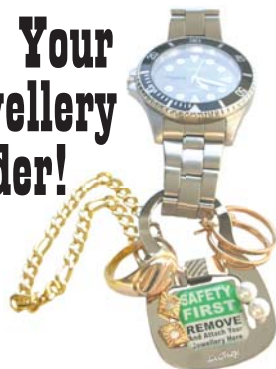
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Logo  
Here!**

**SAFETY 365**

# So watch out!!!



**Use Your  
Jewellery  
Holder!**



**A FINGER  
OR A RING?  
THE CHOICE  
IS YOURS...**

**UN DOIGT  
OU UNE BAGUE?  
À VOUS  
DE CHOISIR...**



# STOP

## Workplace "Jewellery" Related Accidents and Injuries

### Workplace No Jewellery Program:

#### PHASE 1 - LeClasp Watch, JEWELLERY Holder:

Handles the essentials of the safety initiative ... equipping employees with a jewellery holding device where they can attach rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, watches, body piercings, etc., BEFORE walking in the place of work.



Item # 1250 - LeClasp Medical Alert ID Key Holder

#### PHASE 2 - LeClasp Medical Alert ID Key Holder

Equips workers wearing Medical Alert Identification Jewellery (bracelets, necklaces) with a "non-dangling" substitute that can SAFELY be carried & KEPT ON THEIR PERSON at all times when working in the vicinity of heavy machinery, kitchens, conveyers, tools, vehicles, etc.



Item # 1350/52/54 - LeClasp Medical Alert ID Key Holder

For proactive employers who take reasonable steps to prevent bodily harm to workers or visitors to facilities.  
Recommended across all kinds of industries and sub-sectors including industrial manufacturing and processing, warehousing, construction, oil and gas, pulp and paper, mining, agriculture, health and social services, education, health care, hospitals, utilities and electrical, food services, hotels, chemical, agriculture, transportation, public works, fisheries, military, etc. (Hmmm... Did we forget someone??)



Workplace Jewellery Holders come decorated on the FRONT side with the choice of six Safety First messages.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

### The Problem

Today men and women are putting on more jewellery — from a traditional watch, bracelet(s), necklace(s) and rings to trendy body piercings to beautify the nose, lip, belly button and other body parts. Jewellery related accidents and injuries can happen when dangling neckwear, jewellery and similar items worn by workers get caught in or get stuck against objects, equipment and moving parts of machinery. Hand lacerations, sprained, crushed or broken fingers, arm fractures, ear scars from headgear, etc. are typical jewellery caused injuries.

### Our Solution

Our patented LeClasp™ SAFETY JEWELLERY HOLDER can "clasp" up to 95% of all popular Jewellery. A simple squeeze on the thumb pads and voila: a worker's irreplaceable personal possessions are kept safe, secure and protected — ready for safekeeping inside a locker, pocket or lunch box.

### Benefits

LeClasp™ can help raise awareness to the hazards of Jewellery and encourage safety habits at the workplace  
LeClasp™ can help prevent jewellery related contact with objects, equipment and moving parts of machinery accidents  
LeClasp™ can help protect "high risk" new hires, young trainees & visitors to facilities from jewellery related injuries  
Cost as low as \$6.80 per worker - Payback achieved on average after averting 2-3 jewellery related lost-time claims.

For additional information, visit [www.leclasp.com](http://www.leclasp.com)

## Workplace No Jewellery Program QUICKIE VIRTUAL PROPOSAL:

### LeClasp No Jewellery Program (Phase 1 and 2)

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Item # 1250 - LeClasp Workplace JEWELLERY Holder comes identified on the FRONT side with YOUR choice of Safety First message (1A - 1F-D)

MSG #	1	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1f-a
	<b>SAFETY FIRST REMOVE AND ATTACH YOUR JEWELLERY HERE!</b>	<b>SAFETY FIRST VISITOR</b>	<b>SAFETY FIRST STUDENT</b>	<b>SAFETY FIRST SOLDIER</b>	<b>SAFETY FIRST PATIENT</b>	<b>SAFETY FIRST RECRUIT</b>	<b>SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>SECURITE AMANT TOUT RETIENZ ET ACCROCHEZ VOS BIJOUX ICI!</b>
	<b>DOCTOR</b>	<b>PHYSICIAN</b>	<b>NURSE</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>RECRUIT</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>RECRUIT</b>
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## LeClasp Safety Products and Solutions:

Item #1350 - LeClasp Medical Alert ID Key Holder (Personalized)

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1352 - LeClasp Key Holder with choice of PERSONALIZED Medical Alert ID Symbols. Choice 36+ conditions, allergies, meds, etc.)

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**1352 - LeClasp Key Holder with choice of GENERIC Medical Alert Id Symbol and comes with one (1) wallet card**

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1354 - Emergency Contact and Medical Information Wallet Card



### Front Side Information

### Back Side Information

1360 - NEW Larger-Sized Medical Alert ID Card  
com for Employee Badges

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**Actual Size - 2.5" X 4.25"**

- Designed to be CLIPPED ON with
  - 1) Employee Photo ID/ Access/ Security swipe badges, or 2) when applicable, near equipment where employee works. (Also compliant with Membership/ School/Child ID/Trade Show/ Event/etc. passes & cards.)
- Worker confidentially fits in personal Confidential and Medical Information
- Recommended for workers with three (3) or more issues
- Seven lines for worker to fill in medical info including conditions, allergies, prescribed meds, etc.
- Comes with bull dog hole, compliant to ALL badge holders, incl. popular retractable clip holders, polypropylene neck wellies, vinyl badge holders, neck secure and breakaway lanyards.
- Larger size card makes emergency info easily visible (accessible) by medical badges, cards and passes by nurses/doctors/nurses.



# This Little Piggy...

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hours of surgery with no guarantee of success. In fact, there was only a 20-percent chance my finger wouldn't have to be amputated even with surgery due to the nerve and vessel damage, which reduced blood circulation in the injury to zero.

I faced a tough

decision. The doctors told me my best course of action would be amputation because I would have a good chance of full recovery after rehabilitation. They let me decide, however, and after talking with my wife, I gave the doctors permission to amputate. They performed surgery that night, and my finger was amputated to the first joint—ironically, at the same place my wedding ring had rested just that morning.

It's been about 2 months since the accident, and I recently started rehab. I still feel a lot of pain, not just in my hand but all the way up my arm. The doctors explained some of the ligaments and tendons in my arm were pulled during the accident, and I'll experience phantom pain the rest of my life. I've lost about half the gripping power in my hand, which isn't good since I'm left-handed. I'll have to learn how to

## Giving the Finger

This soldier injured his pinky finger while serving in Iraq during the first year of conflict. The injury itself isn't very remarkable and he made a full recovery, but notice the ring next to the injured finger. It's never safe to wear rings or other jewelry in a field or combat environment. If the ring gets caught on something, you risk either a degloving injury (i.e., all the skin peeled off) or total amputation. Both injuries hurt a lot, so keep your ring in a safe place—not on your hand—when you're on duty.

*Special thanks to LTC Roman Blynsky, MD, who submitted this photo from his time with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq.*



write and type again, but I can shoot right-handed—a definite plus for a Soldier. My long-term prognosis is pretty good, though; the doctors tell me that after about 4 months of occupational therapy I should be back to normal.

I share this story in the hope I'll open another Soldier's eyes and prevent them from making the same mistake. The doctors predict I'll be able to deploy back to theater with my unit later this year, but I could just as easily have lost my career that winter afternoon.

Believe me, I'll do everything in my power to make sure I deploy with the Soldiers I've trained because I know they need me. I think it'll be a morale booster if my Soldiers can look at me and say, "If he lost a finger and is still here with us, we can do anything."

I'll be wearing my wedding ring on my right hand from now on, but I promise you this: I'll take it off whenever I put my uniform

on, no matter what's planned that day. You never know what might happen. I survived a year in Iraq unharmed only to come home and lose my finger because I was tired and wasn't thinking straight. Stay alert and realize even the simplest of tasks can hurt you in a big way. If it can happen to me, it can happen to you too!

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**H**ave you ever noticed most accidents happen when you least expect them? Well, there I

was, just coming in from a field training exercise (FTX) and about to perform a simple task when an accident happened to me. I certainly wasn't expecting to wind up in the hospital that January day.

I'm a Bradley systems maintainer and maintenance platoon sergeant for a forward-support company. We'd just completed the FTX in preparation for a deployment to the Joint Readiness Training Center and, after that, possibly Iraq. We were tired after spending 3 weeks in the field, but it was almost over—all we had left to do was clean our vehicles. At about 1700, the last of the vehicles were staged at the wash rack, so we went to work.

Everything about this day was relatively normal, with one notable exception: that morning, I'd taken my wedding ring off my dog tags and slipped it back on my left-hand ring finger. I figured since our

training was over, wearing my ring was no big deal. I say this is notable because I always wear my ring around my dog tags when I'm on duty, especially in the motor pool or in the field. I'd spent a year in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and the only times I put on my ring were when I left for R & R leave and when my unit redeployed home. That system worked well, and thankfully I came home not only alive but with all 10 fingers!

I needed to get my wet-weather gear, which was in a shelter on the back of an LMTV trailer. I climbed on the trailer, got my things, and grabbed the right side rail for balance as I prepared to climb back down. Unfortunately, my foot slipped as I stepped on the lower bumper, and I began to fall. My hand slid down the rail as I moved toward the ground, and my ring caught in one of the U-shaped grooves used for securing canvas covers on the trailer.

I was horrified as I looked at my finger. The skin and most of the tissue on my ring finger was completely gone, and the bone from the first joint just above my fingernail was missing. I called out to the other guys and said, among other choice words, "Hey, get a medic, get the aid bag—I've lost my finger!"

Needless to say, I was in a lot of pain. Another Soldier got a combat lifesaver bag and pulled out a pressure bandage, which I wrapped around what was left of my finger. The commanding officer dialed 911 and had a pickup truck brought off the roadway so I could sit down and take off my helmet, weapon, and vest. We were only about 4 minutes from main post, so the ambulance arrived fairly quickly and took me to the emergency room at Darnell Army Community Hospital.

The doctors there told me the damage to my finger was so extensive they didn't know if any attempted repair would work. The tissue, nerves, and vessels were torn horizontally, and reattaching my finger would require 8 to 10

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**A Finger or a Ring?  
The choice is Yours.**

