## **SHABBAT: BOTTLES**

## **Opening Plastic Bottles on Shabbat**

You may completely open plastic bottle caps on plastic bottles on *Shabbat* (even if doing so will leave a plastic ring on the bottle), as long as it is theoretically possible to dispense the liquid without completely separating the cap from the bottle.

**REASON** Since liquid can be poured with the cap still attached, the sealed bottle does not become a "new utensil"—a *Shabbat* violation.

However, if you will destroy letters that are printed on the cap, you may not open the bottle.

## **Opening Metal Bottle Caps on Shabbat**

You may not open metal bottle caps on *Shabbat* if doing so will leave behind a metal ring. You may break the ring or open the bottle (and close it again, if desired) before *Shabbat*.

NOTE If you need the contents for <u>Shabbat</u> (such as if it is a bottle of wine), you may ask a non-Jew to open it for you. But if the wine is not cooked/<u>mevushal</u>, the wine will become non-<u>kosher</u> once opened and handled by a non-Jew.

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