# BRIT MILA: WHO SHOULD PERFORM

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A father should circumcise his male children (if he knows how to do to the circumcision!) or appoint someone to do so. Order of preference for who should do the circumcision, if competent:

- Father
- Other *shomer-Shabbat* male
- *Shomer-Shabbat* woman (if no male is available).

NOTE A father (or anyone else) may not perform the *brit mila*--even just the incision--on *Shabbat* if it is his first time.

NOTE A non-Jew may not perform a *brit mila*.

NOTE If a child was circumcised in the hospital or by anyone who is not *shomer Shabbat*, consult a *rabbi*.

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