

Brit Mila: Who Should Perform: Preference

A father should circumcise his male children (if he knows how to do 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.