



Pliers are hand tools with two handles that function as levers about a pivot hinge. Most types of have jaws located at the tips. Pliers are primarily used for gripping, twisting, turning, and cutting objects. Common types of pliers include adjustable or slip-joint pliers, needle-nose pliers, channel-lock pliers, lineman's pliers, vise grips, and diagonal- or side-cutting pliers.

According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission data, most plier-related injuries involve lacerations to the hands and fingers.

For additional information about using pliers safely , go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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