

Troubleshooting

Sooner or later something will go wrong...

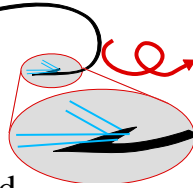
Tangles: Almost all tangles are the result of loops going through loops when the line is slack. Slacken the line and work the loops backwards to untangle.

Snags: If you hook debris or the bottom and the line will not budge, vary the direction of pull. Never pull directly towards yourself in case the line whiplashes.

Hooks in clothing or rope: Can be worked out with care. Open the weave or untwist the lay as much as possible to loosen the hold then work

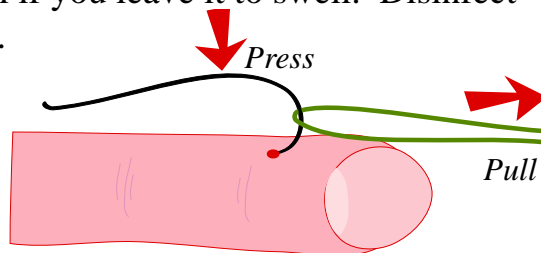
the hook in a small circular motion to release fibres from behind the barb a few at a time.

Hooks in flesh: Should, if possible, be dealt with quickly before the tissue around the wound swells.



First feel the area close to the wound. If there is a pulse; meaning the hook is close to a blood vessel: cut the line and immobilise the hook with a dressing until you can get to a hospital.

To remove a hook from flesh slip a loop of cord around the bend of the hook, press the hook down to disengage the barb and pull the loop. This will hurt but not as much as it will if you leave it to swell. Disinfect and dress the wound.



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