

FOLLOWING AN UNCONSCIOUS MOMENT



MOMENTS AFTER THE TRAUMA - MUCH PAIN!

The nail will be loosened from the bed where you have the blood pooled underneath it. If that goes completely across the nail from side to side, but doesn't extend all the way back to the cuticle, then the nail will be loose but probably not come off entirely. If you like, you can drill a hole in the nail to relieve the pressure underneath and increase the chance of keeping it in place.

IF I HAD KNOWN THE FOLLOWING, I MIGHT HAVE FOREGONE MY DRILL PRESS!

For that you can use a paperclip or large needle, heated to red hot in a flame, and then touched to the nail in the center of where the blood is. It will melt a hole in the nail, and it won't hurt. You can't burn through the finger, the blood will cool off the tip long before that happens. In fact, the minute you are through the nail, the blood will spurt up through the hole.



NOTE THE 2 DRILLED HOLES.

The finger will feel a lot better afterwards as well.

As the new nail grows out, it will push the rest out just like it always does. If it is black all the way back to the cuticle, the new nail growing out will push it out, but there will be a ridge between them and the new nail pushes under the old one. It will take a couple months for the damaged nail to be completely replaced, depending on how fast you ordinarily grow fingernails. If you notice the nail pops up slightly so that you snag things, just put a bandaid over it to keep it safe so you don't snag and rip it off. Keep it trimmed close at the end until you can trim it all off. The nailbed underneath will be sensitive at first, but will toughen up so it won't hurt. Losing the nail or not depends on how extensive the finger beneath the nail was damaged, and how much of the nail has separated, and where it separated at.