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Feeding Devices for Arm Amputees

For eating, amputees can use commercial devices that are designed to make eating easier, or develop custom-made devices with their prosthetist.

Sure Hand Roller Knife

This device is ideal for one-handed use and can also be useful to amputees using an artificial limb. The roller knife features a 2½" stainless-steel blade which rolls smoothly over food. It also has a built-up ergonomic handle with flexible ribbing covering for a non-slip grip and an extra-wide lip on the handle to help stop the hand or terminal device from slipping forward.

Sure Hand Rocker Knife

Similar to the product above, the rocker knife is also ideal for one-handed use, or those using an artificial limb. To cut, just rock the 4½" stainless-steel blade over any piece of food. The non-slip handle is easy to grasp so you can even cut through tough pieces of meat. Dishwasher safe.

Custom-Made Devices

These custom feeding devices meet the amputee's individual needs. These examples provide ideas of the types of devices that can be developed by working with your prosthetist. Contact your prosthetist for more information on constructing a device that suits your needs.



Folding Knife Fork Combination

This utility knife is similar to the one below, and can also be folded to conveniently fit into a purse or pocket. The knife opens easily with one hand, and once open, it has a safety lock so it cannot be closed accidentally. As the blade is quite sharp, this knife is not recommended for young children.



Knife-Fork Combo

This utility knife makes cutting food and eating easier. Amputees are able to cut and spear food using one hand. As the knife edge is razor sharp, eat with knife edge away from your mouth to avoid cutting your lip. Comes with a protective leather sheath.



Utensils

Bendable and angled utensils are available, which are more easily manipulated with artificial limbs. As well, rubber tubing or plastic foam can be fitted directly over the handle of a utensil to "build up" the handle – making it easier to grasp with an artificial limb.



Good Grips™ Jar Opener and Horizontal Peeler



Contact Information

 Knife-Fork Combo, Rocker Knife, Sure Hand Roller and Utensils (may also be available through other stores)
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*As OrtoPed only sells their products to professionals, not individuals, please contact a member of your health-care team (like your prosthetist) to order this device.