

## Pinning "Beginner" Help Guide

**Pin:** An attack by a Queen, Rook or Bishop on a piece which cannot move without exposing a more important piece or square. The pinned piece is said to be masking or screening the more important piece or square. An absolute pin is where the screened piece is a King, therefore it is illegal for the pinned piece to move as it would expose the King to check. A relative pin is where moving the pinned piece would result in a loss of material or other unfavorable effects.

Diagram 1:

White to move. Use your Rook to attack two pieces on the same rank (Side to Side).

Diagram 2:

White to move. Use your Rook to attack two pieces on the same file (Up and Down).

Diagram 3:

White to move. Use your Bishop to attack two pieces on the same diagonal.

Diagram 4:

White to move. Use your Bishop to attack two pieces on the same diagonal.

Diagram 5:

White to move. Use your Rook and attack two pieces on the same file (Side to Side).

Diagram 6:

White to move. Use your Bishop to attack two pieces on the same diagonal.