

When the Knife tool cuts into a closed **path**, it always opens that path. To open the path of the red ellipse, do the following:

1. Click the Knife tool.
2. Position the mouse over the outline of the ellipse. Notice that the cursor changes.
3. Click the top of the ellipse with the Knife tool. When you break the path, the ellipse's red fill is no longer visible.

Whenever you use the Knife tool on an object, that object is converted to a **curve**

object.