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1. To carry off by force; kidnap.
2. *Physiology* To draw away from the midline of the body or from an adjacent part or limb.

[Latin *abdŭcere*, *abduct-* : *ab-*, away; see [AB-](#)¹ + *dŭcere*, to lead; see **deuk-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ab·duct·ee *n.*

ab·duc tion *n.*

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