

Orthodontic Emergencies

Call Our Office Right Away If:

Broken Bracket: If a bracket becomes loose and slides on the wire causing discomfort, wax can be used to tack it down. Please call our office and schedule an appointment to get it fixed as soon as possible to avoid delay in treatment.

Broken Wire: Always contact our office so we can repair the wire. Depending on the break, you can either: **1.** Place wax over the area of discomfort; or **2.** Remove the small section of the wire that is broken by sliding the wire out and placing wax over anything sharp.

Color "O" Tie is missing from Bracket: As long as you have other "O" Ties still present, usually there is no problem. However, if the wire is causing you discomfort, you should contact our office and have the "O" Tie replaced.

Loose Band: If the band becomes loose or comes off completely, contact our office for repairs. Please bring the band with you if possible.

Severe Trauma: Contact our office immediately and/or your family dentist.

Wire Out of Band: The wire may be placed back into the tubes on the band by using tweezers. Otherwise, use wax to hold it down and contact our office.

Wire Pokes: Roll a small piece of wax into a ball and press it over the wire poking you to provide temporary relief then give our office a call so we can schedule for you to come in and have it clipped

Home Remedies:

Bracket Discomfort: Roll a small piece of wax into a ball and press it onto the part that is poking you. Use as much as you like. If you run out and need more, you can always stop by our office anytime or call us and we can mail it to you.

Loose Teeth: As your teeth begin to move, they may get "loose" or "wobbly". Don't worry! This is completely normal and part of treatment. They won't fall out!

Pain and Soreness: Tylenol is recommended for pain. Any pain experienced after an appointment should start to feel better after a few days.

Small Cuts and Sores: To help heal cuts or sores, it is recommended to rinse with warm salt water rinses twice a day. Mix 1 teaspoon of salt to 1 cup of water.

Steel Tie Poking: These can be remedied by taking a pencil eraser or the handle of your toothbrush and tucking the poke back under the wire or towards the bracket.

In the event of an emergency that cannot wait until the next business day, we do have an after-hours emergency contact. Call our office and listen to the recording, that will provide you with the number of the person who is on call

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