
Orthodontic Problems & Solutions

Problem

Home Solution

Loose Band or Bracket

If the band or bracket is still attached to wire, leave in place. If uncomfortable, place wax on it. Call during office hours to schedule a repair. If it comes out completely, place band or bracket in a plastic bag and bring to appointment.

Loose Wire

If you are in a flexible wire, try to place wire back in with tweezers. If that is not possible, you may be able to clip with fingernail clippers behind the last tooth to which it is securely fastened. You will not be able to clip a heavy gauge wire. If any discomfort, place wax on it and call during office hours to schedule a repair.

Poking Wire

Try to push poking wires down with a spoon or eraser. If not possible, place wax on it. Call during office hours to have the wire clipped.

Lost Tiewire or Elastic

Notify our office during office hours.

Headgear Does Not Fit

If facebow is bent, call during office hours to schedule an adjustment. Do not wear until it has been repaired.

Loose Appliance

If the appliance is sticking or poking, place wax on it. Call during office hours to have the appliance repaired.

If you are unable to handle a problem on your own, please call the office and follow the directions regarding emergencies.

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