

HANDLING ISSUES WITH YOUR APPLIANCES

Taking proper care of your appliances will help minimize issues with your appliances, as well as ensure that you get the most ideal treatment results, and complete treatment in the shortest amount of time. However, should problems with your appliances occur during treatment, please use the reference list below as a helpful resource.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>TEMPORARY SOLUTION</u>
Loose Band or Bracket	If the band/bracket is still attached to the wire, you can leave it in place. Wax may be placed to temporarily secure the loose piece. If it comes out of the mouth, place it in a small baggie and bring it to your next appointment. Contact our office to notify our team.
Poking Wire	First try to place wax over the area that is poking the patient. If this does not resolve the issue, contact our office to notify our team. If the patient is in pain, you can activate the emergency line.
Tooth Soreness	Take Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil or Motrin) as recommended and as tolerated by the patient. Ibuprofen is more effective than Tylenol at relieving pain caused by orthodontic treatment.
Tissue Soreness	Place orthodontic wax over the area causing the discomfort. Rinse with warm salt water 3-4 times a day. If soreness worsens or persists for more than 5-7 days, contact our office.
Loose Separator	Call the office during normal business to schedule an appointment to have the separator/spacer reinserted.
Lost Elastic or Metal Tie	Contact our office during normal business hours – it may or may not be necessary to see you prior to your next scheduled visit.