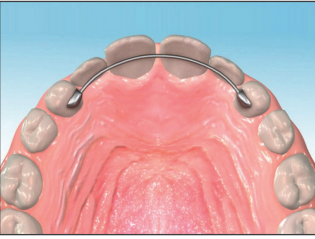



# Retainers

After your orthodontic treatment you will be given a set of permanent and removable retainers. The purpose of a retainer is to keep your teeth in their new position as a result of your orthodontic treatment. You must wear your retainers as instructed or teeth may shift, in addition to other adverse effects.

Type of Retainer	Emergency	What To Do
<b>Permanent Retainer</b> (bonded wire)  	Glue is thinning or off of 1 or more teeth (wire still attached)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Call the office to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience. Our ortho team will be happy to repair the wire by adding more glue or reattaching the segments that are detached.</li> <li>2) <b>Wear your removable retainer full time until your appointment.</b></li> <li>3) Bring your retainers with you to the appointment.</li> </ol>
	Wire off completely	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Call the office to schedule an appointment with Dr. Mark.</li> <li>2) <b>Wear your removable retainer full time until your appointment.</b></li> <li>3) Bring your retainers with you to the appointment.</li> </ol>
<b>Removable Retainer</b> (clear tray)   <p>Hawley Retainer</p> <p>Clear Plastic Retainer</p> <p>**Only use lukewarm water when brushing/cleaning your retainer**</p>	Lost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Call the office to schedule an appointment to have a retainer made. We will need to take a new impression of your teeth and schedule you an additional appointment to pick up your new retainer.</li> </ol>
	Broken	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Call the office to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience.</li> <li>2) <b>Continue to wear retainer if possible until your appointment.</b></li> <li>3) Bring retainer with you to your appointment. It may be repairable rather than needing replacement.</li> <li>4) If a new retainer is being made we will schedule you an additional appointment to pick up your new retainer.</li> </ol>
	Doesn't Fit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Call the office to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience.</li> <li>2) Bring your retainer with you to your appointment; our ortho team may be able to alter your retainer instead of making you a new one.</li> <li>3) If a new retainer is being made we will schedule you an additional appointment to pick up your new retainer.</li> </ol>

**Should you have any concerns with your retainers after your 16 month retention stage, there may be an additional charge for repair or replacement.**