



There are two types of orthodontic occurrences:

- 1) Injuries to the mouth and teeth during active orthodontic treatment
- 2) Problems with your braces during active orthodontic treatment

Injuries

These injuries can include a tooth being knocked out, severely displaced, or fractured. Please contact our office immediately if this should occur. If the orthodontic appliances are dislodged or displaced due to the injury, they will need to be replaced or adjusted.

Problems

These problems can include broken brackets, bent or poking wires, or disrupted appliances. If you experience any of the following occurrences, please call our office so we can evaluate the urgency of the problem and schedule you accordingly.

- **Broken or Lost Bracket:** In the event of a broken or lost bracket, use wax to secure the bracket on the wire if it's still attached. Call our office to schedule an appointment so we can reattach the bracket.
- **Bent or Poking Wire:** If a wire is poking and causing discomfort, cover the exposed wire with wax and contact our office to schedule an appointment. The poking wire will be trimmed, and you will be advised if you need to see the orthodontist following this appointment.
- **Lost Elastic:** If an elastic is lost, it doesn't typically cause discomfort and does not require immediate attention. Simply call our office to schedule an appointment with one of our orthodontic team members. They will replace the elastic during your visit.
- **Lost Lingual Wire:** If the wire is completely off, you don't want anything to shift. Contact our office immediately to schedule an appointment for prompt reattachment.
- **Loose Lingual Wire:** If the wire is loose and causing discomfort, cover it with wax and contact our office to schedule an appointment. We will secure the loose wire during this visit. Depending on the situation, you may be required to see the orthodontist following this appointment.