

Orthodontic Emergencies

Loose band or bracket: If a band or bracket is still attached to the wire, leave it in place. If it's uncomfortable, you can place wax on it. If it comes out completely, place the band or bracket in a baggie and bring it with you when you come to see us.

Loose wire: Try to place the wire back in place with tweezers. If that's not possible, clip the wire with fingernail clippers behind the last tooth to which it's securely fastened. If you have any discomfort, place wax on it.

Poking wire: Try to push poking wire down with a spoon or eraser and place wax on it.

Lost wire tie or elastic tie: Please notify us.

Soreness: Use warm salt water rinses or take Advil, Motrin or Tylenol.

Loose appliance: If an appliance is sticking or poking, you can place wax on it.