

Orthodontic Concerns & Solutions

We want our patients to be informed in recognizing concerns that may occur during orthodontic treatment and to understand how to solve them, at least until it is convenient to return to our office. Below is a list of possible concerns that may occur and solutions to help fix the concern.

Concern	Solution
Accident Involving the Teeth	Contact our office or your general dentist immediately.
Loose Band or Bracket	Please call to advise us of the lost or loose bracket. We will need to repair it at your next scheduled appointment. If the band or bracket is still attached to the wire, leave in place and use wax if uncomfortable. Please call for an appointment.
Loose Wire	Clip the wire with fingernail clippers behind the last tooth to which it is securely fastened. Use wax and call for an appointment.
Poking Wire	Try to push wire down if possible. If not, use wax and call for an appointment.
Lost Tie (colored elastic around bracket)	Please notify assistant at your next appointment.
Soreness	Occasional soreness during treatment is to be expected. Cold foods (ice cream or smoothies) can give relief. Take anything you would normally take for a headache. (Tylenol, Motrin)
Retainer / facemask not fitting	This might be caused due to lack of wearing the appliance. Please call the office for an appointment.
Loose Appliance	If the appliance is sticking or poking, place wax on it and call for an appointment.
Lost Separator (blue spacer)	Take a double strand of dental floss and floss between the two teeth. If the floss goes up and down easily, you do not need another separator. If it is tight, call for an appointment. Continue to do the "floss test" daily until your appointment to start treatment.
Lost baby tooth (hanging on the wire)	If a baby tooth falls out while in treatment and is hanging on the wire, clip the wire with nail clippers or remove the wire completely from the mouth. Call the office for an appointment to replace the wire.

*For additional guidance please visit our website @ www.bishoporthodontics.com
If additional care is needed, please leave a message @ (970)926-2666 in Edwards or (970) 668-2525 in Frisco and all messages will be checked promptly the following morning. Thank you!*