

What If?

LOOSE BRACKET OR BRACE:

Place wax or soft chewing gum over the bracket if irritating and call our office the next working day.

OPEN BRACKET DOOR:

If one of the doors on your braces comes open, try and push the wire back into the bracket and close the door with your finger or the end of a pencil eraser. If this is unsuccessful, please call our office the next working day.

LOOSE BAND OR APPLIANCE:

Place wax or soft chewing gum over area if irritating and call our office the next working day.

"POKEY" WIRE:

If the wire is poking out the back, you can try to clip it with a pair of cuticle cutters. If you can't, call our office the next working day. In the interim, apply wax or soft chewing gum and/or gently push the sharp area out of the way with a spoon or the end of a pencil eraser.

SORE TEETH, GUMS OR CHEEKS:

Swish with warm salt water and take Advil or Tylenol (or whatever you take for a headache).

ROUGH OR SHARP SPOT ON BAND OR BRACKET:

Place wax or soft chewing gum over the area that's causing the irritation. If it does not go away, call our office the next working day.

MISSING SEPARATOR:

Try to replace with your separator kit. If you can't, call our office the next working day.

BENT, BROKEN OR LOOSE WIRE:

Call our office the next working day. If irritating, push the offending wire out of the way or remove any loose wire segments with a pair of nail clippers or tweezers. Cover the sharp or protruding part with wax, soft chewing gum, gauze or cotton balls.

WIRE OUT OF BACK BRACKET:

Place the wire back into the slot using tweezers. If you can't, call our office the next working day.

MISSING ELASTIC HOOK:

Discontinue wearing elastics and call our office the next working day.

NEED MORE ELASTICS:

Come by (know what size you need) and our office staff will be able to give you more. Or call in and we will mail them to you.

PROBLEMS WITH ELASTIC WEAR:

Discontinue wearing elastics and call our office the next working day.

BENT, BROKEN OR LOST RETAINERS, BIONATOR OR ANY OTHER APPLIANCE:

Discontinue wear and call our office the next working day.

APPOINTMENT CONFLICT: Contact our office during regular office hours as soon as possible.