

Orthodontic Emergencies

Most problems that occur between visits don't require an immediate office visit. However, if the problem is causing discomfort, you should come in so that our doctor can address the cause and provide as much relief as possible.

Problems	Solutions
Loose Bracket	Place wax on bracket to prevent it from moving around and irritating the lips and cheek. Call to schedule an appointment, let us know you have a loose bracket to allow enough time to replace it.
Loose Band (used on back teeth)	Use a pencil eraser to push the loose band back into place, then apply wax to hold it in place. Call to schedule an appointment, let us know you have a loose band to allow enough time to replace it.
Band Has Come Off	If your band comes off it will leave a long wire in the back of your mouth that will likely cause discomfort. Call the office to schedule an appointment.
Wire is Poking	Attempt to push poking wire down with a pencil eraser. If that does not work, cover the wire with wax rolled into a small ball. Call us to make an appointment to have the wire clipped or wait till your next appointment, depending on your level of discomfort.
Lost Tie (colored ring)	This issue can be resolved at your next scheduled appointment.
Accident Involving Teeth	If teeth are knocked out, chipped, or broken, you should see your general dentist or oral surgeon immediately. Call us to schedule an appointment with your orthodontic provider and inform us of the accident. Please bring a letter from your general dentist/oral surgeon that explains their findings and treatment plans.