

# Orthodontic Problems & Solutions

It may be possible for you to temporarily fix some problems with your braces until you are able to visit our office. Below are some examples of common problems and their solutions.

**LOOSE BAND** - Please call us so we can schedule a "work-in" appointment.

**BRACKET** – If a bracket comes off a tooth but is still attached to the wire, leave it in place. If it is rubbing your lips or cheek, please place wax on it. If it comes off completely, please let us know and bring it to your next appointment. **Exception:** If you are **wearing elastics**, and one of the brackets you hook your elastics to comes loose, call us so we can schedule to have the bracket rebonded.

**LOOSE WIRE** – Clip with sterilized finger nail clippers behind the last bracket that the wire is attached to.

**POKING WIRE** – Place wax over the end of the wire.

**LOST O-TIE** – It is ok, these are only used for fun when you want colors.

**ULCERS & SORENESS** – Use warm salt water rinses several times a day to ease ulcers and help toughen up tissue. Tylenol or Ibuprofen will help with other discomfort.

**LOOSE APPLIANCE** – If your appliance is sticking or poking, place wax on it and give us a call.

Additional information may be found here <https://www.drspillers.com/emergency-care/>

Extensive repairs may require an appointment during morning hours.

**IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE AN ORTHODONTIC EMERGENCY,  
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