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Remove the Broken Appliance

If the broken appliance is easily removed, it's best to take it out of your child's mouth. Any protruding wires or pieces can be sharp and hurt your child.

If The Appliance Can't Be Removed

If you can't take the appliance out, don't force it out. Cover the sharp or protruding portions with wax, gauze, or even chewing gum. Once your child is protected from the broken appliance, call us!

Broken Orthodontic Appliances

If it's a broken orthodontic appliance, it's not working as intended. Leaving orthodontic appliances out for long periods of time can delay treatment and even reverse progress. Call us or your orthodontist to repair the appliance and reinstall it so your treatment can continue on-track.

Loose/Broken Appliances That Don't Hurt

Loose or broken appliances that don't bother your child usually don't require emergency attention. It isn't considered an emergency, so it's okay to let your child's mouth be for a few days until you can make an appointment. It doesn't take long to fix and reinstall most appliances, so we can fit you into our schedule.

What Breaks Dental Appliances?

Sticky and hard foods and ice are dental appliance destroyers! While not every appliance break is your grub's fault, eating softer foods will keep your appliance in good shape. It's okay if your appliance's wires randomly snap for no apparent reason. Schedule an appointment to fix your

appliances. wires randomly snap for no apparent reason. schedule an appointment to fix your appliance and we'll have it back in your mouth in no time.

Schedule an Appointment

Don't let a broken appliance sit for too long! Jump on the phone and schedule an appointment to fix your appliance. We'll help keep your treatment plan on-track and your mouth comfortable. Please call us to make an appointment or if you have any questions!

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