

## Emergency Instructions To Patients

Some problems with your braces may arise when our office is closed. If so, please look over the list for a quick fix until an appointment is scheduled. If emergency treatment is needed, we encourage you to call Dr. Weaver at the emergency phone number you were given at the time of your banding.

<u>Problem</u>	<u>Home Solution</u>
• Loose Band or Bracket ►	If the band or bracket is still attached to the wire, leave it in place. If uncomfortable, place wax on it. If it comes out completely, put in a safe place and bring to your visit. Make sure to brush well around the loose bracket.
• Loose Wire ►	Carefully try to place the wire back in with tweezers or fingers. If that is not possible, clip the wire with fingernail clippers. If uncomfortable, place wax on it.
• Poking Wire ►	Carefully try to clip wire with fingernail clippers. If uncomfortable, place wax on it.
• Loose Appliance ►	Do not attempt to remove the appliance, but make sure to brush well around the loose area. If the appliance has come completely out, put in a safe place until an appointment can be made.
• Lost colored tie ►	Okay until the next appointment unless it has caused the wire to come out.
• Development of sore or other irritation ►	We recommend a warm saltwater rinse. If a sharp edge is causing the irritation, place wax on it and call the office to schedule an appointment.