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# Orthodontist

## BROKEN APPLIANCES

- When an appliance (whether it be braces or removable appliances) breaks it cause delays in treatment and can increase the risk of damage to your teeth.
- **Extra time is required to repair damaged appliances so our office requires advance notification**
- Appointments after 3:30pm are reserved for routine adjustments/evaluations
- Repairs are therefore completed by appointment between 9:00am and 3:30pm to avoid inconveniencing our scheduled patients.
- Messages can be left on our 24 hour voicemail service. Even if your appointment is the same day you must notify the office of any problems so a new appointment can be made and you will not be inconvenienced.
- If a brace breaks within 48 hours of placement it is likely due to a bond failure, any breakage AFTER that point is due to not following the rules for brushing/eating. If plaque is around the brace the acid produced will weaken the adhesive and the brace will fall off.
- It is NOT necessarily what you eat when you notice the broken brace, it may have been something you ate days/weeks earlier that adversely affected the bond of the brace to the tooth.
- I have read the above letter and understand the guidelines/fess with regard to broken/lost appliances.

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Patient

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Patient/Guardian

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Date(mm/dd/yyyy)

Thank you for your co-operation