



## ORTHODONTIC EMERGENCIES

### Broken brackets

- If a bracket has become dislodged from a tooth, it may just sit in place on the wire. Sometimes you may only notice it when you go to remove a soft sticky piece of food like bread from the area.
- If it is not causing you pain then leave it alone. Please let us know this has happened and we may need to see you for a special visit to rebond the bracket.
- If it is troubling you then you should call us and we will endeavour to see you as soon as we can and provide you with some advice over the phone.

### Poking wires

- Whilst not a pleasant thing to happen, poking wires are a sign that treatment is progressing and your teeth are moving.
- Place a piece wax or silicone over the poking end. It works best if you can dry the area as much as possible. At the start of treatment all patients are given two different types of wax as well as a silicone based product (Gishy Goo).
- If you would like us to cut the poking end before your next regular visit, please give us a call and we will be happy to cut the offending piece of wire.

### Ulcers

- If your braces are rubbing on your cheeks or gums it can cause ulcers.
- Please use the wax we have provided to place around the particular bracket that is rubbing.
- Using a warm salt-water rinse in your mouth will speed up healing of the ulcer.
- Tell us if you continue to have these problems.

If you can't resolve an issue with your braces, please call us anytime on 07 4638 0710