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## **ORTHODONTIC “EMERGENCIES”**

We would like for our patients to be informed in recognizing problems which may occur and to understand how to solve them until it is convenient to return to our office.

### PROBLEMS

### SOLUTIONS

Loose band or bracket

Keep band or bracket clean and call for a recementation appointment. (Try to save any part that has come completely loose.)

Loose or poking wire

Try to replace the wire in the bracket or tube with tweezers. Cover with wax or sugarless gum and call for an appointment.

Wire sticking out

Attempt to push the wire down with a pencil eraser. If this is not possible, cover with wax or sugarless gum and call for an appointment.

Lost color

This is not a real “emergency” but should be replaced whenever it is convenient to return to the office.

Soreness of teeth

Some soreness will occur during orthodontic treatment. An analgesic of your choice will help reduce the soreness. Chewing sugarless gum may also help.

Accidents involving the teeth

Call the office immediately or call Dr. Housley at 698-1074 or Dr. Dobson at 609-5048 if it is after hours.

If you have any questions that need to be answered please feel free to call our office at 272-4242 or you may email Dr. Housley at [drhousley@owassoorthodontics.com](mailto:drhousley@owassoorthodontics.com) or Dr. Dobson at [drdobson@owassoorthodontics.com](mailto:drdobson@owassoorthodontics.com)

THANK YOU,

DR. HOUSLEY, DR. DOBSON, AND STAFF