



INSTRUCTIONS

For Space Maintainers

The purpose of your child's space maintainer is to keep open the space needed for a permanent tooth that has yet to erupt. It will be left in place until the time when the new permanent tooth can be seen breaking through the gum tissues.

It is important that your child avoid chewing gum, eating sticky foods like taffy and gummi bears as well as hard items like ice and hard candy. These snacks can bend the wire, causing the appliance to break or become loose. Your child should also avoid prying or poking at the wire with his or her fingers.

Checking the space maintainer periodically will insure that it is still properly placed. If it happens to break or become loose, please be sure to call our office immediately so that we can determine if the appliance can be recemented or if it needs to be remade.

Thank you for your cooperation.