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## **Retainer Wear**

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Q: Why, after years of braces, do I have to wear a retainer?

A: Even though your teeth are in perfect alignment, your gums and bone have not permanently settled into their new positions, yet. The retainer will keep them aligned until they have.

Q: What if I don't wear my retainer?

A: Your teeth will not stay straight, period. Some people's teeth move so much, that they need to go back into braces.

When you first get your retainer, it will be tight. This is because your teeth have moved slightly since the braces were removed the week before. As you wear it, your teeth will move back and the retainer will feel snug, but not tight. If you stop wearing the retainer full time, your teeth will move and the retainer will be tight when you try it in the next time. If you continue to not wear it full-time, then the retainer will remain tight and the teeth will not have a chance to settle in. They will never become stable.

A usual scenario, in these cases, is that you may not wear it for several days and then try it in. You will then find that it does not fit at all. This is because your teeth have moved too far. You will then notice that they will continue to move and crowd up even more over the ensuing months.

Don't let this happen to you. Wear your retainer the prescribed amount of time and you will have a lifetime of beautiful smiles.



We hope everyone had a very Happy New Year. It's always good to take care of the old and bring in the new. To get a fresh start.

Role Model



Our role model of the month is the Fireman. We decided to put these men and women on a pedestal after the courageous battle they put on against the wild fires in November.

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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