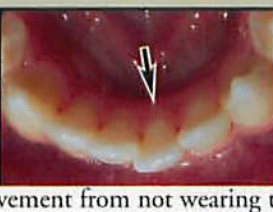


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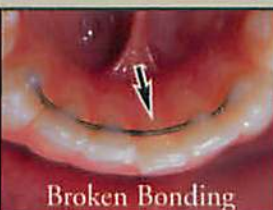
← Nice alignment maintained by wearing retainers as instructed →



Tooth movement from not wearing the retainer



Excellent Retention



Broken Bonding



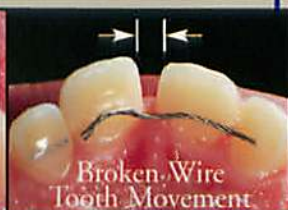
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Broken Wire  
Tooth Movement



Clear Retainers



Misalignment from not wearing the retainer



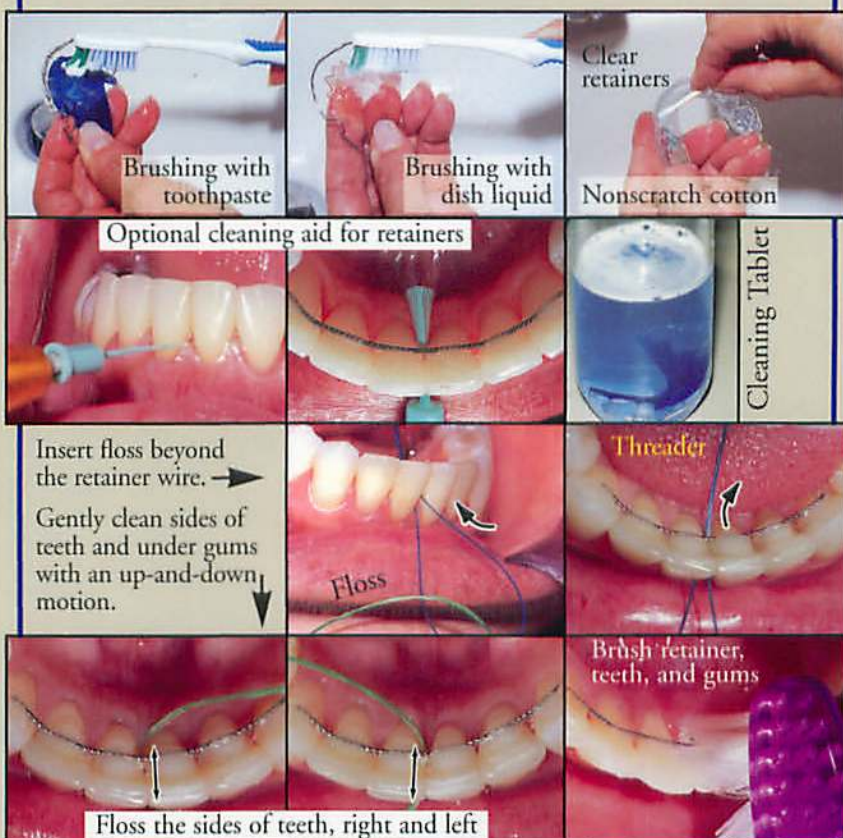
**Your teeth will move if you don't wear your retainers.**

- Correction of significant tooth movement may require the time, effort, and expense of additional treatment.
- If a retainer is lost, broken, or feels different, promptly call our office during business hours. Never try to adjust a retainer.
- Vacations and summer camps will change your routine. These are high-risk periods for losing or not wearing retainers.
- When not wearing or cleaning your retainers, they should be in the retainer case with your name and phone number. →



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# Retainer Care and Cautions



- Plastic retainers can be ruined by heat. Never put a retainer in boiling water, a dishwasher, or on the dashboard of a car.
- Plastic retainers can be damaged by soaking them in mouthwash.
- Keep retainers beyond the reach of pets and young children. Dogs and cats like to chew on retainers.
- Retainers can be broken if placed in a pocket or backpack.
- There is a charge to replace retainers, so please be careful.



Retainers are likely to be thrown in the trash if they are wrapped in a tissue or napkin or placed on a food tray.

- Like contact lenses, eye glasses, and other personal items, retainers can wear out over time. Replacing a worn out retainer is a wise investment in protecting your smile and the long-term stability of your teeth.

Thank you for being the most important part of our practice. Almost half of our patients are sent to us by former patients. We deeply appreciate your confidence in recommending us to your friends and family.

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