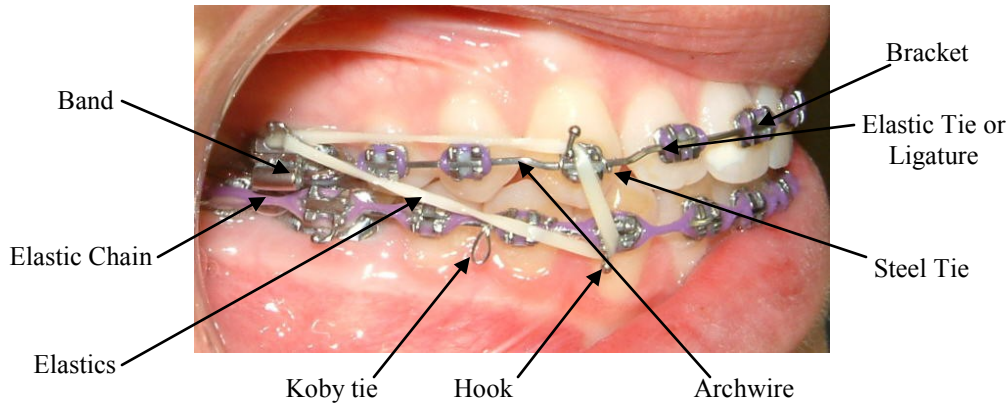


YOUR BRACES



Bands: Metal rings around back teeth. Wire goes into the bands. They may become loose if eating crunchy or chewy foods. Please call to have them recemented so that plaque does not leak inbetween the tooth and the band.

Brackets: Bonded on the front surface of teeth. Wire passes through them. They can become loose or broken if you are eating crunchy or chewy foods. Sometimes they may be off your tooth, but still tied to the archwire, please call to have the bracket(s) replaced.

Elastic Ties (or ligatures): Elastic colors around brackets. If these come off and you do not also have a steel tie on that tooth, it should be replaced, please call.

Elastic Chain: A series of connected ligatures between teeth. If part of the chain comes off or breaks, the teeth are able to move in the wrong direction, please call us to have it replaced.

Steel Ties: Wraps around bracket. Twisted end tucks under wire.

Coil Spring: (not pictured): Spring that goes between teeth to make space, close space, or hold space.

Archwire: Passes through brackets and goes into bands. Moves your teeth.

Please call if anything is loose, broken, or poking so that we may repair it , get you out of discomfort, and keep your treatment on schedule.

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