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Now we are really on our way!

Your fixed appliances or bands are the handles we use to move your teeth. Treat them with care so no time will be lost by repairs. You must understand that extreme care of the mouth is necessary during treatment. You must be very careful about the types of food you eat and about the manner in which you eat them. Hard foods and sticky foods such as caramels do a great deal of damage to the appliances.

You must keep your bands and teeth **EXTRA CLEAN!** No matter how carefully we prepare and clean your teeth in our office only continuing care at home will keep them clean. If you neglect your tooth brushing responsibility, decay and discoloration of your teeth may occur.

Expect some discomfort for the first few days. It is not uncommon for the teeth to become tender as the wires begin to work. First try eating softer foods and taking smaller bites. If needed, you can take some Tylenol or Advil for the discomfort. Some areas of your braces may feel sharp and for those areas place a small piece of wax.

If you have any problems or questions please feel free to call.

## THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T EAT:

STICKY: GUM NOW-N-LATERS TAFFY STARBURST GUMMI BEARS GUMMI WORMS SWEDISH FISH TWIZZLERS JELLY BEANS TOOTSIE ROLLS CARAMELS SNICKERS MILKY WAYS HARD: NUTS (ALL KINDS) ICE CUBES DORITOES HARD ROLLS/ BREAD PIZZA CRUST ROCK CANDY CRACKER JACKS CANDY APPLES JAW BREAKERS BLOW POPS TOOTSIE ROLL POPS POPCORN PRETZELS **CUT INTO SMALL PIECES:** 

<u>RAW VEGETABLES:</u> CARROTS CELERY RADISHES

<u>HARD FRUITS</u>: APPLES PEARS

## <u>CUT CORN OFF THE COB!</u> CUT MEAT OFF THE BONES!

PULL BAGELS APART! (SMALL PIECES)

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