

## BONDED WIRES/PERMANENT RETAINERS



Bonded retainers, also called permanent retainers, are thin wires that are bonded (glued) to the back of your upper and/or lower front teeth. Bonded wires are placed to hold your teeth in their corrected position.

We recommend placing bonded retainers if you had excessive crowding or spacing before you began your treatment. Many patients find that a bonded retainer gives them the “extra insurance” of keeping their teeth straight.

To be able to maintain proper hygiene around the bonded retainer, we place it close to the gum line so you are still able to floss in that area. With proper brushing, flossing, and regular six-month dental cleanings, we recommend the bonded retainer remain indefinitely.

If, for any reason, you would like the bonded retainer removed, it can easily be removed.

We will continue to monitor your bonded retainer(s), along with any additional retention appliances you may have, for 6 months after your braces are removed.

Your general dentist can then monitor your retention appliances at your dental cleanings. However, we are always available if you need us.