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# **Brushing and Flossing Your Braces**

## **Brushing:**

### With?

Your toothbrush; soft bristles only.

#### When?

After every meal. If you cannot brush right away, rinse well with water.

1. Use a dry brush with a small amount of toothpaste. Place bristles where gums and teeth meet.



3. Brush slowly, each arch separately, every tooth.

2. Use circular, vibrating motions around the gum lines. 10 seconds on each tooth.



4. Brush the lower teeth up and the upper teeth down. Brush your tongue and the roof of your mouth too!

### **CONCENTRATE ON THE DANGER ZONE!**

...the space between the bands or brackets and the gums!



5. Carefully pull unwaxed floss between wire and braces. A floss threader may be helpful.



6. Floss carefully around the braces.

# **Flossing:**

#### When?

Nightly after brushing.

### How?

Use floss threader between gums and braces.

#### Why?

Removes plaque toothbrush misses.



7. Floss carefully around the gum area.



8. Floss carefully around each tooth.

