

# INVISALIGN

## PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations! You are on your way to the beautiful healthy smile you have always imagined. Follow these steps for the proper care and use of your Invisalign aligners.

1. Most people experience some mild soreness for a day or two after starting each new stage. This is normal. It is a sign that the aligners are working and moving your teeth to their final destination.
2. On rare occasions, aligners may temporarily affect your speech slightly. However, as your tongue gets used to having the aligners in the mouth, any minor disturbance in normal speech caused by the aligners will usually disappear within 48 hours (depending on how much you speak)
3. Aligners should be worn 21-22 hours per day. They should only be removed for eating and brushing. After eating, we recommend that you brush, floss, and insert your aligners as soon as possible.
4. When brushing your teeth, brush off your aligners as well. Never place them in boiling water or soak them in mouthwash or denture cleaner.
5. When inserting aligners begin with your front teeth and gently move backward. When removing aligners begin with your back teeth. Unseat your aligners with your finger nail at the back, then gently wiggle your way forward. Do not remove the aligner by pulling straight down from the back. This will crack the aligner in the middle.
6. If you were provided with an aligner seating device, please use it faithfully for the recommended amount of time each day.

7. When not wearing your aligners, always store them in the Invisalign storage case. NEVER WRAP YOUR ALIGNERS IN A NAPKIN, they will get thrown away.
8. Keep your aligners away from pets. Dogs and cats love to chew on used aligners.
9. When you are ready to change trays, it is best to do so in the evening so you can sleep through any minor aches or pains. You can take Tylenol or Advil to help relieve any discomfort.
10. Never discard your aligners. When finished with a set, clean them and place them back in their original pouch. These can be used as back-ups in case an aligner is lost or broken.
11. If you misplace or break a set of aligners, wear the previous set. If you are 2 days or less away from your next aligner you may insert the next aligner. Do not insert the next aligner if you are more than 2 days from the scheduled switch- instead call us so that we can get a new aligner ordered.
12. In the case of lost or damaged aligners after they have left our office, Invisalign will make you a replacement aligner in a short period of time. In those cases, the cost for a replacement is \$100 per aligner. It is therefore very important that you insert and remove aligners and very carefully and store them in the proper case.
13. If one of the bonded attachments falls off your tooth during treatment please notify the office immediately to have it replaced.
14. You may drink fluids while wearing your aligners. Please keep in mind that beverages high in sugar and or acid will damage your teeth if held against your teeth by the aligner for an extended period of time. Also, very hot drinks could warp or distort your aligners and should therefore be avoided as much as possible. After drinking, we recommend that you rinse off your aligners and rinse your teeth. Do not brush immediately after an acidic beverage.

If you have any questions or concerns during your Invisalign treatment, don't hesitate to call us at (214)969-0280