

SPACE MAINTAINER

A space maintainer is a custom-made appliance used to hold the space for a permanent tooth when a baby tooth is lost too early.

TOP VIEW (LOWER ARCH)



SIDE VIEW



Space Maintainers

A space maintainer is a small dental appliance used to keep space open after a baby tooth is lost too early.

Baby teeth help guide permanent teeth into the correct position.

When a baby tooth is lost too soon because of decay, infection, or injury, nearby teeth may shift into the empty space.

This can lead to:

Crowding.

Crooked teeth

Blocked permanent teeth

Future orthodontic problems

Why Is a Space Maintainer Important?

A space maintainer helps:

Keep the proper space for the adult tooth, Reduce the risk of crowding, Guide permanent teeth into better alignment, and Help avoid more complex orthodontic treatment later

Caring for a Space Maintainer

To help it last and work properly:

- Brush carefully around the appliance
 - Avoid sticky or hard candies
 - Attend regular dental checkups
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Will It Stay Forever?

No.

The space maintainer is removed once the permanent tooth is ready to erupt.