

DENTAL X-RAYS

WHAT THEY ARE

Dental X-rays involve passing electromagnetic radiation through the jaw to produce images of the structures inside.

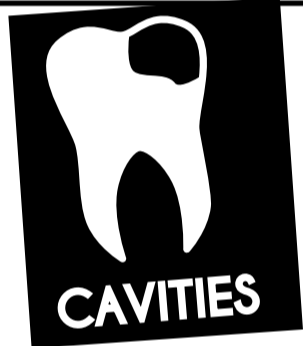


HOW IT WORKS



The dental technician places a protective apron over your chest. Next, the x-ray sensor or film is placed in your mouth for the picture.

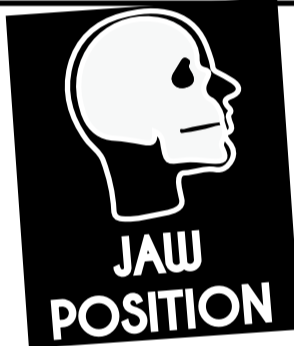
X-RAYS CAN DETECT



CAVITIES



ERUPTING TEETH

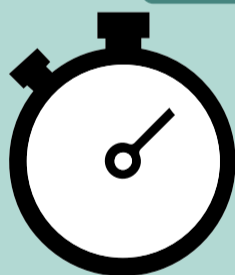


JAW POSITION



GUM DISEASE

FAST FACTS



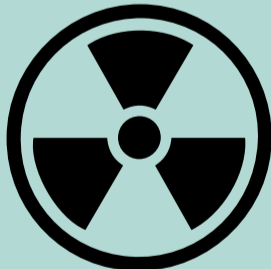
TIME

X-rays take only a matter of minutes.



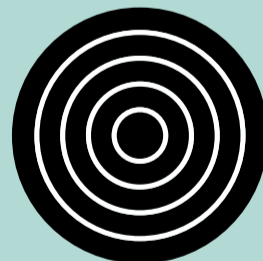
FREQUENCY

Children should get x-rays every 1-2 years, while adults should get them every 2-3 years.



RADIATION

A dental x-ray exposes you to a minuscule amount, 2-3 mrem. Digital x-rays expose you to even less.



COMFORT

Dental x-rays do not hurt; they're virtually pain-free.

PLAIN VS. DIGITAL

Because they're so easy to use, digital x-rays are starting to replace plain film x-rays. Digital x-rays send the image directly to a computer for immediate viewing.

