

X-Ray Policy

At Radiant Smiles Family Dental, PLLC, your dental health is our priority! To make an appropriate dental diagnosis, adequate x-rays must be taken of your teeth and surrounding structures. We adhere to the following protocol to maintain quality of care:

- All new patient comprehensive exams will require a **Full Mouth Series (FMX)** of x-rays. An FMX, consisting of 18 films, provides a detailed view of the teeth, their roots, and the surrounding bony structures, and is taken every 3-5 years.
- Existing patients will require a minimum of four (4) **Bitewing** or “check-up” x-rays each year for up to 3-5 years following an FMX. Periodontal conditions, extent of existing dental work, and other factors may necessitate the need for an FMX or additional x-rays on a more regular basis.
- X-rays taken prior to your initial visit may be used to satisfy the need for required x-rays at our office. As a courtesy our staff will be happy to assist you in obtaining copies of prior x-rays.

Please note that required x-rays must be taken in order to continue treatment with us, regardless of your insurance coverage. **It is a violation of state law to treat a patient without adequate x-rays.** State law also dictates that a patient cannot consent to negligent treatment. Therefore, refusal of necessary x-rays will constitute termination of the doctor-patient relationship.

We appreciate your understanding of this policy. Staff members will be happy to answer any questions you may have.