

DUXBURY CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY, LLC

INFORMED REFUSAL OF X-RAYS (please fill out one for each child)

X-rays are an important diagnostic tool to see under fillings and in-between teeth. Our office recommends x-rays as needed based upon the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

For parents concerned about the radiation in bitewing x-rays, our office uses digital film to reduce radiation exposure significantly. One set of bitewings is equivalent to the radiation received in flying in an airplane for 30 minutes, or the amount of radiation we are exposed to in one day from the earth and the sun.

By refusing x-rays I assume the risks that decay or other problems may not be diagnosed or treated. This may result in tooth damage or loss, undiagnosed cavities or nerve/pulp problems, undiagnosed bone loss, pain, infection, root canals, nerve treatments, crowns, hospitalization, surgical procedures, facial cellulitis, sepsis, failure to diagnose missing or extra teeth, pathology, and eruption problems in permanent teeth.

The dentists at Duxbury Children's Dentistry reserve the right to deny or defer treatment of a tooth/teeth if we do not have a current x-ray(s) of the tooth. This may result in increased dental visits, increased costs, and failure for insurance companies to pay for multiple fillings on the same tooth.

I _____ (parent/patient name) am fully aware of the consequences of not taking x-rays and will not hold Duxbury Children's Dentistry responsible for pathology that may have been visualized on these films should they have been taken.

Child/Patient _____ **Date of Birth** _____
Reason for no x-rays _____
Parent/Patient Signature _____ **Date:** _____

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