



## **RISKS OF A DENTAL IMPRESSION**

***Please read through the following.***

A dental impression for the purposes of the manufacture of a sports mouthguard is a very low risk procedure, however we would like you to be aware of the following points.

- At GUMSHIELDS2GO our clinicians are experienced, fully trained and qualified to take dental impressions to record the necessary information required to fabricate a custom fitted mouthguard.
- We regularly monitor and assess our clinicians to ensure our team's skill levels and delivery of patient care is excellent.
- As well as recording and collating the personal information and medical details necessary to legally temporarily register the player for the purpose of a dental impression, our clinicians will be assessing the ability of the player to cooperate and tolerate the procedure. If a player is unhappy, unsure or unwilling to proceed with the impression, then we will always respect the player's wishes. Should the player still be unwilling, despite reassurance from their accompanying parent/guardian and ourselves, then we reserve the right to abandon the procedure.

**The player (or their parent/guardian) accepts that the following events have the potential to occur during the procedure however our clinicians will do their best to avoid such a scenario:**

- **Unlikely loss of a loose baby tooth**
- **Dislodgement of a loose filling/crown or bridge**
- **Slight risk of gagging/retching**
- **Potential damage to an orthodontic brace (low risk)**

At our clinics we can temporarily re-fix fillings and crowns. In the event of such an event occurring, GUMSHIELDS2GO will inform the player and also document the circumstances so that the player's own dentist is aware of the event and can seek further treatment if appropriate. With your permission (in writing) we will share your GUMSHIELDS2GO records with any parties you request.

- There are times that after performing a risk/benefit analysis, we decide that the risk to the player of having poor oral health outweighs the benefits of fitting the player with a mouthguard. If this is the case, then we will advise the player (or their representative) of our decision and assist them with accessing appropriate dental care.
- During our assessment, it falls under our duty of care to report and advise the player if we identify an area which requires further dental attention. This may well be a situation of which your dentist is already aware, and you are receiving treatment for. Please advise us at the time of assessment if you don't wish us to provide you with a brief 'Incidental finding Report' to take to your routine dentist.