



## Sealant Care

What are sealants?

Sealants should be part of a child's total preventive dental care. Dental sealants are thin, plastic coatings which are applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth where there are grooves. Most tooth decay in children and teens occurs in these grooves. These grooves are difficult to clean even with proper hygiene. Sealants cover these grooves to prevent decay.

What to avoid?

Once sealants have been placed, certain food items need to be avoided to ensure the longevity. Gum, sticky candy and ice chewing need to be avoided.

Warranty?

We stand proudly behind our sealants. They are under warranty for a period of 6 months after placement. Any replacements after the 6 month period will be the responsibility of the patient if not covered by insurance. In order to honor the warranty, you must keep your child's 6-month recare and exam appointments so that we can routinely check the sealants for damage. We also strongly encourage good home care to prevent any decay around the sealants. If we find the sealant to be faulty at the 6-month checkup, we will replace it at no additional charge.