

ARE X-RAYS REALLY NECESSARY?

X-rays are necessary to be taken on a regular basis and is an important part of the examination. We take bitewing x-rays once a year to check for fractured fillings and cavities in between your teeth and we take a Panoramic x-ray every 3 to 5 years to check for cysts, abscesses or cancer. If you have any concerns or objections, please feel free to discuss them with our doctors and staff.

Since most of the disease process such as decay, cysts, cancerous tumors, benign tumors and congenital abnormalities can only be detected with radiographic procedures, they are a critical part of your examination and dental evaluation.

It may be comforting for you to know that the amount of exposure to radiation in our office is extremely low. We use the state of the art digital x-ray system that uses a fraction (less than 10%) of the radiation of regular film based radiography. We meet and exceed the State of Ohio requirements and maintain levels that are recommended safe for you.

If you refuse x-rays in our office, you understand that it is against medical advice and in direct opposition to our recommendations. Just Smiles, Dr. Chahine, Dr. Papp and their Associates **cannot be held responsible** for any tooth problems, jaw problems or undetected tumors that are a direct consequence of the lack of diagnostic tools available to them. If you repeatedly refuse radiographs, we may ask you to seek services at an office that would agree to treat you without radiographic examination.

I decline the recommended x-ray procedures and I understand that I cannot hold Just Smiles and the doctors liable for misdiagnosis or undetected tumors.

Name

Signature

Date

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