



DENTAL X-RAYS

MYTH VS. FACT

**WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW
ABOUT DENTAL RADIOGRAPHS,
SAFETY, AND PROTECTING
LONG-TERM ORAL HEALTH.**



Why Dentists Recommend X-Rays

Dental x-rays help pediatric dentists see what cannot be seen during a visual exam alone.

They may help identify:

- Cavities between teeth
- Infection or abscesses
- Developmental concerns
- Impacted teeth
- Bone health
- Eruption patterns
- Orthodontic concerns
- Hidden dental trauma

Many dental issues begin long before symptoms appear.

Early detection often means simpler, less invasive treatment.



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Myth Vs. Fact

Myth:

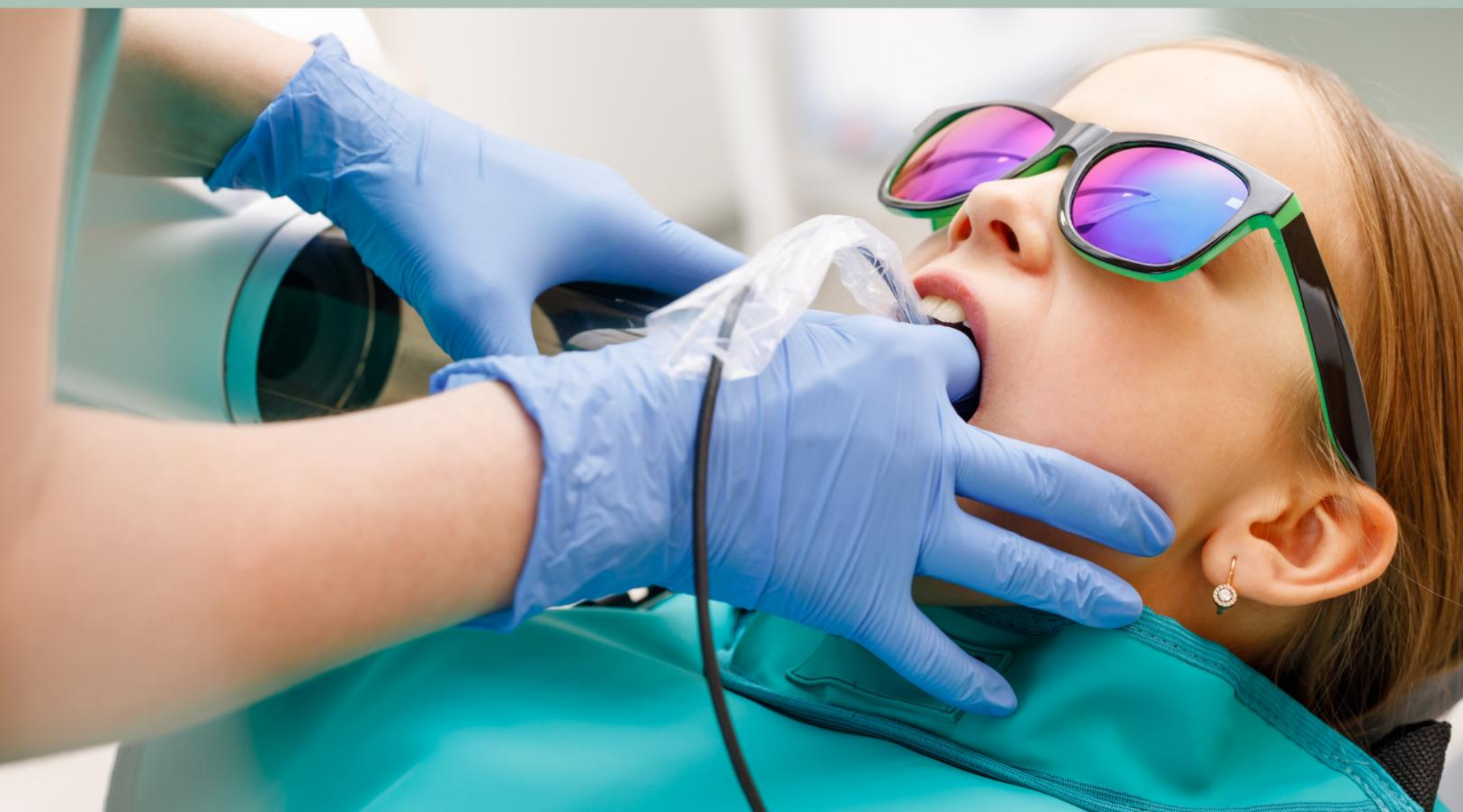
“Dental x-rays expose my child to dangerous levels of radiation.”

Fact:

Modern digital dental x-rays use very low radiation exposure.

In many cases, the exposure is comparable to normal daily environmental exposure or a short airplane flight.

At The Tooth Shop, we use digital technology and only recommend x-rays when clinically appropriate.



Myth Vs. Fact

Myth:

“If my child isn’t in pain, they probably don’t need x-rays.”

Fact:

Many dental problems develop silently. Cavities, infections, crowding, and developmental concerns may exist before a child notices discomfort.

Myth:

“X-rays are done at every visit no matter what.”

Fact:

X-ray recommendations are based on your child’s age, risk factors, dental history, symptoms, and development.

Every child is different.

Understanding Radiation Exposure

Parents often hear the word “radiation” and understandably become concerned.

But today’s digital dental radiographs use extremely small amounts of exposure.

For perspective, your child is naturally exposed to environmental radiation every day from:

- Sunlight
- Air travel
- Electronics
- Soil and natural surroundings



At The Tooth Shop, we follow the ALARA principle:

“As Low As Reasonably Achievable.”

That means we only take necessary images and use modern technology designed to minimize exposure.

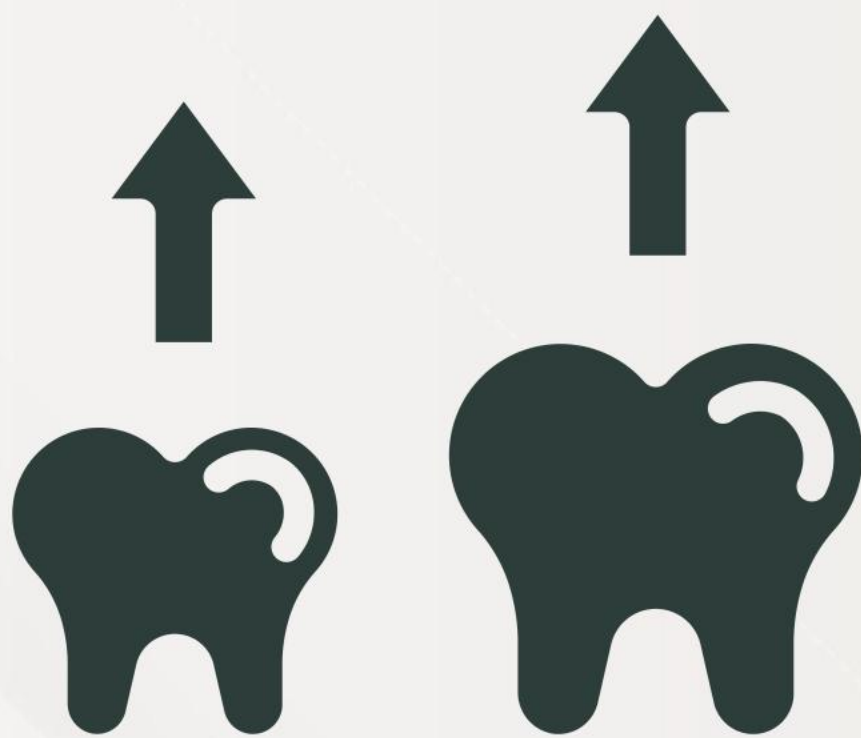
When Are Dental X-Rays Recommended?

The frequency of x-rays depends on your child's specific needs.

Factors may include:

- Age
- Cavity risk
- Dental history
- Orthodontic concerns
- Trauma or injury
- Tooth eruption patterns
- Symptoms or pain

Some children may need imaging more often, while others may need it less frequently. Our recommendations are always individualized.



A Prevention-Focused Approach

At The Tooth Shop, our goal is not simply to “take x-rays.”

Our goal is to protect your child’s long-term health.

We focus on:

- Conservative recommendations
- Early detection
- Prevention before major problems develop
- Minimizing unnecessary treatment
- Using modern digital technology
- Educating parents clearly and honestly

We believe informed parents make confident decisions.



Frequently Asked Questions

Are dental x-rays safe for children?

Modern digital x-rays use very low radiation and are considered safe when used appropriately.

How often do kids need dental x-rays?

It depends on cavity risk, age, symptoms, and development.

Can cavities be missed without x-rays?

Yes. Cavities between teeth are often invisible during a standard visual exam.

Do baby teeth really matter if they fall out anyway?

Absolutely. Baby teeth affect speech, nutrition, spacing, comfort, and adult tooth development.

Are dental x-rays necessary before braces?

Often yes, because they help evaluate tooth positioning, eruption patterns, and jaw development.

What if I still feel nervous about x-rays?

That's completely understandable. We're happy to answer questions and explain every recommendation.

Questions About Dental X-Rays?

Our team is here to help you make informed decisions with confidence.

Schedule an evaluation today.

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- ✓ Honest, personalized guidance
- ✓ Focused on long-term health
- ✓ Serving families in Gilbert, AZ



WHY FAMILIES TRUST THE TOOTH SHOP

Families choose The Tooth Shop because we focus on:

- Honest recommendations
- Clear communication
- Long-term oral health
- Child-friendly care
- Helping parents feel informed and confident

We're here to help families understand their options without pressure or confusion.



Meet Dr. Perkins

Dr. Jaron Beau Perkins, DMD, is a Pediatric Dental Specialist focused on creating a calm, positive experience for children and families. He earned his degree in Exercise and Wellness from Arizona State University, attended Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, and completed his pediatric dental residency at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the past 13 years, Dr. Perkins has practiced in rural and underserved communities in Pennsylvania and Prescott, AZ, treating complex pediatric cases and severe decay. These experiences shaped his compassionate, creative approach to care. He is a member of the AAPD and AAFE.



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"My goal is to help every child feel safe, understood, and confident at the dentist while building healthy habits that last a lifetime."

Jaron Perkins, DMD

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