

## No-No Food list

Eating these food can result in broken brackets, wires etc. Constant repairs can lead to prolonged treatment time and unnecessary tooth movement. Please **<u>REDUCE</u>** all sugar intake while in braces. This includes sodas and beverages that have a high acid and sugar content.



► The crust of the pizza is the best part, and the place where bent wires start.



- Hard rolls, pretzels and bagels and bones can knock off braces and wires.



- <u>Tacos and Doritos</u> and any other hard crunchy chips should be avoided. Soft tacos are okay to eat and so are soft chips like Pringles and Lays.



• <u>Popcorn</u> should be avoided. The kernels can get under the gum tissue and cause inflammation.



- **Nuts** are good too, but we will have to say, NO nuts for you.



- <u>Apples, raw carrots and other crunchy fruits and veggies</u> need to be sliced very thin and chewed with the back teeth.



Ribs and meats that are on the bone Pull meat off the bone with a fork or your finger. Do not use front teeth to bite.



**Suckers and hard candy** can pop braces off in a flash.



- Gum, starbursts, skittles and other chewy candy is a big no-no.



- <u>Ice</u> should be avoided. No chewing on <u>pens or pencils</u>.