

# Problems to Watch for in Growing Children

Malocclusions (“bad bites”) like those illustrated below, may benefit from early diagnosis and referral to an orthodontic specialist for a full evaluation.



**Crossbite of Front Teeth**

Top teeth are behind bottom teeth



**Crossbite of Back Teeth**

Top teeth are to the inside of bottom teeth



**Crowding**



**Open Bite**

Front teeth do not meet when back teeth are closed



**Protrusion**



**Deep Bite**



**Underbite**

The lower teeth sit in front of upper teeth when back teeth are closed



**Spacing**



**Oral Habits**

Sucking on thumb, fingers