## ITEM 1



Critical Considerations when

## CHOOSING A DENTIST

When in doubt, call the Indiana Dental Association: **317.634.2610** 

We will direct you to a qualified dentist in your area.





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The Indiana Dental Association is a statewide organization of dentists dedicated to providing our communities with quality care.

One of our goals is to assist you in finding a properly educated and licensed dentist to serve you and your family.

## Make sure to look for the following when choosing your dentist:

- 1. Ask to see the dentist's license. Dentists in the state of Indiana are required by law to display their dental license. This certificate represents that the dentist has received proper education and training to provide the highest quality of dental care to his or her patients. An illustration of a dental license is found to the right.
- 2. Make sure your dentist wears gloves, mask and goggles. When you receive any dental treatment, licensed dentists are required to take special precautions to ensure your safety and health. If your dentist does not wear gloves, a mask, and goggles during a dental procedure, you are not receiving proper care.





3. Your examination should include radiographs and a review of your medical and dental history. Your dental health is directly connected to your overall health. When a dentist has the full picture of your physical and dental health, he or she can provide you with the best treatment options. Also, radiographs provide the dentist with detailed images of your teeth, which help him or her know how to better care for your oral health. An example of radiographs is to the right.

