



## MINNESOTA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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The Minnesota Board of Dentistry is aware of the recent media reports concerning a dentist who is licensed in our state. It is the mission of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry **to ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality dental health care from competent dental health care professionals.** Any matter or issue that is brought to the Board's attention, is evaluated on its own merits and approached with due diligence.

Any person may file a complaint against a licensee of the Board and the Board is required by Statute to evaluate all jurisdictional complaints to identify any potential violations to the Minnesota Dental Practice Act. In accordance with the Minnesota Data Practice Act, information supplied to the Board as part of an active investigation, is classified as **confidential data** and is not available to the public.

The Public may access public information on any licensed dental professional that the Board regulates by accessing our website at: <http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/dentistry>

The Board cannot confirm or deny that complaints exist, specific to a licensed dental professional, unless the outcome of the Board results in the issuance of disciplinary or corrective action. Both corrective and disciplinary actions are noticed in our Board's newsletter, located on the Board's website. In addition, disciplinary actions are posted to the Board's website and reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank.

The Board is empowered to enforce the Minnesota Dental Practice Act. In regards to criminal convictions: Per **Minnesota Statute 150A.08, Subdivision 1 (2)**, identifies that the Board **may take** action against a license of a dental professional related to a conviction, including a finding or verdict of guilt, an admission of guilt, or a no contest plea, in any court of a felony or gross misdemeanor **reasonably related to the practice of dentistry.**