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(54) Title: JAW-JOINT PROTECTIVE DEVICE**(57) Abstract**

A jaw-joint protective device is provided for protecting teeth, lips, jaw (1), and other delicate structures of the vital cranial triad (VCT) from injury and/or for supporting the condyle (2) of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) in a relatively fixed position thereby stabilizing the jaw (1) and the VCT during head contact activity, and/or permit the components of a VCT disorder to be realigned for proper healing. This device is an over the counter purchase, boil and bite jaw/joint protector providing maxillary and mandibular teeth seats for protection of the mouth and/or healing of the VCT. This invention provides for customized, over-the-counter availability that adds speech (12) and airway (14) capabilities to the device to facilitate sports participation.

