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Dental Emergencies



Toothache

Clean the area around the sore tooth thoroughly. Rinse the mouth vigorously with warm salt water or use dental floss to dislodge trapped food or debris. **DO NOT** place aspirin on the gum or on the aching tooth. If face is swollen apply a cold compress. Take ibuprofen for pain

and see a dentist as soon as possible.



Broken Braces And Wires

If a broken appliance can be removed easily, take it out. If it cannot, cover the sharp or protruding portion with a gauze or wax. If a wire is stuck in gums, cheek or tongue, **DO NOT** remove it. Take the child to a dentist immediately.

Loose or broken appliances which do not bother the child does not usually require emergency attention.



Broken Tooth

Rinse dirt from area with warm water. Place cold compress over the face in the area of the injury. Locate and save any broken tooth fragments. Immediate dental attention is necessary.



Cut Or Bitten Tongue, Lip Or Cheek

Apply ice to bruised areas. If there is bleeding, apply a firm but gentle pressure with a clean cloth. If bleeding does not stop after 15 minutes or it cannot be controlled by simple pressure, take the child to a hospital emergency room.



Knocked Out Permanent Tooth

Find the tooth. Handle the tooth by the top (crown), not the root portion. You may rinse the tooth, but **DO NOT** clean or handle the tooth unnecessarily. Try to reinsert it in the socket.

Have the child hold the tooth in place by biting on a clean gauze or cloth. If

you cannot reinsert the tooth, transport the tooth in a cup containing milk or water. See dentist **IMMEDIATELY!** This is a crucial factor in saving the tooth.

Other Emergency Conditions

Possible broken jaw. If fractured jaw is suspected, try to keep the jaw from moving by using a towel or tie. Then take the child to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Bleeding after baby tooth falls out: Fold and pack a clean gauze or cloth over the bleeding area. Have the child bite with pressure for 15 minutes. This may be repeated once. If bleeding persists see a dentist.