

FIRST AID for DENTAL EMERGENCIES

In Case of Medical Emergency Call 911

TOOTHACHE

Clean area around the sore tooth thoroughly. Rinse mouth vigorously with warm salt water or use dental floss to dislodge any trapped food or debris. DO NOT place aspirin on gum or on aching tooth. If face is swollen, CALL DENTIST IMMEDIATELY OR GO TO EMERGENCY ROOM.

PERMANENT TOOTH KNOCKED OUT

Find tooth and handle it by the crown (top), not the root portion. You may rinse tooth, but DO NOT clean or handle tooth unnecessarily. Try to reinsert it in its socket. Have child hold the tooth in place by biting on clean gauze or cloth. If you cannot reinsert the tooth, transport it in a cup of milk. If milk is not available us water.

CALL DENTIST IMMEDIATELY! Time is a very critical factor in saving the tooth BROKEN TOOTH

Rinse dirt from injured area with warm water. Place cold compress on child's face over area of injury. Locate and save any tooth fragments. CALL DENTIST IMMEDIATELY.

CUT or BITTEN TONGUE, LIP or CHEEK

Apply ice to injured areas. If there is bleeding, apply firm but gentle pressure with clean gauze or cloth. If bleeding doesn't stop after 15 minutes or cannot be controlled by simple pressure, CALL DENTIST

OBJECTS CAUGHT BETWEEN TEETH

Try to remove the object with floss. Guide the floss carefully around tooth/area to avoid cutting the gums. If you are not successful in removing the object, CALL DENTIST. DO NOT USE SHARP OR POINTED INSTRUMENT to try to remove the object.

BLEEDING AFTER BABY TOOTH FALLS OUT

Fold and pack clean gauze or cloth over the bleeding area. Have the child bite on the gauze with pressure for 15 minutes. This can be repeated once. If bleeding persists, CALL DENTIST

COLD or CANKER SORES

Many children will occasionally suffer from cold or canker sores.

Over the counter remedies usually bring relief. Because some serious diseases may begin as sores, if they persist it is important to contact your DENTIST.

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