



# Dental Emergencies For Kids

## **My Child Knocked His Baby Tooth Out\***

Baby teeth are not normally put back in place

- Children should still see the doctor to check the health of surrounding teeth and tissue

## **My Child Bumped His Baby Tooth\***

Check to see if they are moved out of position

Can your child bite down normally?

Teeth pushed backwards should be immediately moved back to original position

Squeeze tooth back into position with a wet washcloth

Teeth pushed up into the socket should be left alone and allowed to re-erupt

## **My Child Knocked Her Permanent Tooth Out\***

Time is very important—contact our office immediately

If possible, find the tooth

Permanent teeth can sometimes be saved and reinserted, but

Only handle the crown of the tooth—not the root

Store the broken tooth in milk

Or, if possible, reinsert the tooth into its socket

## **My Child Chipped a Tooth**

Contact our office immediately if tooth is sensitive to air or child is in pain

If possible, find and save the tooth fragment and place in milk or water. It may be possible to glue the tooth fragment back on with a composite resin.

## **My Child Has a Toothache**

If the toothache occurs after hours

- Brush around the tooth as best as possible
- Floss around the tooth and rinse with salt water
- Give your child children's strength acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- For your child's comfort, unless medically necessary, no dental work should be performed until facial swelling is reduced with antibiotics
- If pain persists, call the office and page one of our doctors
- If there is noticeable facial swelling, page one of our doctors. Otherwise, call our office during office hours to schedule an appointment

## **Broken Braces, Wires, or Other Orthodontic Appliances**

If your child is in pain, contact our office immediately

If your child is not in pain, contact our office during business hours

It is important that you call us and reschedule immediately, so there is no delay in your child's orthodontic progress

We will do our best to reschedule your child promptly

If done easily, remove the broken appliance

Cover any protruding wires with wax

Do not attempt to remove a wire stuck in your child's tongue, cheek, lip, or gums

*\*if you suspect head trauma (lost consciousness vomiting blurred vision or headaches) go to the hospital immediately.*