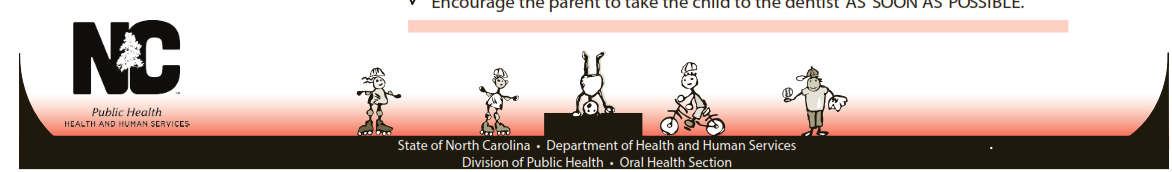
**Follow the instructions below when**

**a child has a dental emergency.**

* **In all situations, reassure the child.**
* **If any blood is involved, it is recommended that you wear gloves.**



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| **BLEEDING AFTER**  **LOSING A BABY TOOTH** | * Place a clean folded gauze pad, cloth or paper towel over the bleeding area * Have the child bite on the gauze with pressure for 15 minutes.   This procedure may be repeated.   * Make sure child refrains from frequent rinsing. * If bleeding persists, SEE A DENTIST! |
| **BROKEN BRACES**  **AND WIRE** | * Broken wires can be covered with wax or gauze until child can be seen by an orthodontist. * DO NOT remove wire embedded in the check, tongue or gums. * THE CHILD SHOULD SEE THEIR ORTHODONTIST IMMEDIATELY! |
| **BROKEN TOOTH** | * Gently clean dirt from the injured area with warm water. * Place a cold compress on the face over the injured area. * Locate and save any broken tooth fragments if possible. * SEE A DENTIST IMMEDIATELY! |
| **CUT OR BITTEN TONGUE,**  **LIP OR CHEEK** | * Clean area with a clean, wet cloth. * Apply pressure with cloth to stop bleeding. * Apply ice to the swollen or bruised areas. If bleeding does not stop after 15 minutes, or with pressure, child should be seen by a dentist or doctor |
| **KNOCKED OUT**  **PERMANENT TOOTH** | * Find the tooth. * Handle the tooth by the crown, not the root! * Gently replace the tooth in its socket and hold the tooth in place. * A tooth that is quickly reimplanted has a good chance of being saved! * If the tooth cannot be inserted into the socket, put the tooth into “Sav-A-Tooth”, or a cup of fresh milk. Do not put the tooth into tap water. * SEE A DENTIST IMMEDIATELY |
| **POSSIBLE**  **BROKEN JAW** | * The child’s jaw line may appear distorted. * Immediately call 911! * Keep child still and calm. * Make sure child can breathe. * Try to keep child from moving. |
| **TOOTHACHE**  **OR ABSCESS** | * Rinse the mouth vigorously with warm salt water to remove any food debris. * DO NOT place aspirin on the site of the toothache because it may cause burning to the gum tissue. If the face is swollen, place a cold compress on the outside of the cheek. * SEE A DENTIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE |