**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!
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| **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!
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| **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!
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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.
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| **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
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