DENTAL EMERGENCY 101

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BUT WHAT IS A DENTAL EMERGENCY?

- SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
- A SOFT TISSUE WOUND OR INJURY
- ABNORMAL BLEEDING IN THE MOUTH OR GUMS
- A TOOTH KNOCKED OUT OR FRACTURED
- A TOOTH OUT OF ALIGNMENT SUDDENLY

KEEP CALM

Keep calm! Give our office a call (513) 251-5500 if you think you have a dental emergency. During non-office hours, you can leave a message on our answering machine.

Be sure to tell us all the details and information you know. That way, we can help you as much as possible until we're able to see you or confirm you need to head to the emergency room!

SAVE THE TOOTH

If a tooth is knocked out, try to handle it as little aspossible. Try to preserve the tooth by either putting it back in the socket, when possible (without touching the root), and/or by biting on gauze.

Be sure you or your child is not in the position to swallow the tooth by accident. If you can't keep the tooth in the mouth safely, you can keep it in milk until we're able to see you.

TEMPORARY TOOTH? RINSE WITH WATER

If a non-permanent tooth is knocked out, it can still be wise to find the tooth and keep it moist.

Try to only touch the tooth by the top, rather than the root. Just like an adult tooth, you can rinse briefly with water if the tooth looks dirty. But be sure NOT to scrub off any attached bits of tissue.

Do NOT try to put a temporary tooth back into the socket or in their mouth!

RISKY BEHAVIOR

Do you or your child play sports? Be sure to wear a mouth guard especially if it is a high-impact sport.

Be careful what you eat and chomp on! Chewing ice, popcornkernels and hard candy all increase your risk for dental emergency – since they can crack OR damage your teeth.

If your child is young, assess their playing area. Are their unnecessary objects or hazards you can remove? Or, organize to help them play in a safer zone to reduce risks.

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