

WHAT TO DO IN A DENTAL EMERGENCY

If your child has been injured or is experiencing discomfort, call your child's dental provider. For serious situations, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. If you do not have a pediatric dentist, call **Growing Smiles** at **410-569-6700**.

Broken Tooth

- 1 Rinse dirt from the injured area with warm water.
- 2 Place a cold compress over the face where the injury occurred.
- 3 Collect and save all broken tooth fragments and call your child's dental provider for advice.

Tooth that Has Been "Knocked-Out"

Primary or "Baby Tooth"

- 1 Control any bleeding by folding and packing clean gauze over the area.
- 2 Have your child bite down with some pressure for about 15 minutes.
- 3 Call your child's dental provider for further instruction.

Permanent Tooth

Immediate emergency treatment is the best option for saving the tooth!

- 1 Handle the tooth by the crown only. Do not touch the root.
- 2 Rinse the tooth but do not "clean" or handle it.
- 3 Try to re-insert the tooth into its socket. Have your child hold the tooth in place by biting on a clean cloth or gauze. Call your child's dental provider.
- 4 If the tooth cannot be re-inserted, place it in milk and take your child to a pediatric dentist for immediate emergency treatment.



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