

# Tooth Fairy Centre



**If you experience a dental emergency, call us on (03) 7036 5555.**

**If it's after hours, please visit your local hospital emergency department**



## Steps to take in a Childs' Dental Emergency

Dental emergencies can be stressful, however the most important thing is to remember not to panic. If your child loses consciousness, please seek immediate medical attention at your local hospital emergency department.

In a child's dental emergency, timing is critical. If your child experiences a dental emergency follow these steps, and book in with your paediatric dentist as soon as possible.

In the meantime, stick to a soft diet and manage any pain with Panadol or Nurofen.

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**Turn over for guidance on managing dental emergencies**

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## **KNOCKED OUT TOOTH**

- ▶ You must ACT QUICKLY. It is essential that the tooth be placed back in the socket within 20 minutes of the accident.

- ▶ Take the knocked out tooth and hold the tooth by the crown. Do not touch the root.
- ▶ Rinse briefly under water and immediately place the tooth back in its original place, despite any bleeding. Gently hold the tooth in place.
- ▶ To keep the tooth in place, close the mouth with a piece of gauze, clean cloth or napkin between the upper and lower teeth.
- ▶ It doesn't matter if the tooth is the wrong way or not aligned, it just needs to be back in the socket to ensure a better outcome.
- ▶ If the tooth cannot be placed back immediately, it needs to be kept moist by submerging it in milk or saliva (parent or child's). Bring the submerged tooth to the dentist.
- ▶ Call and visit us immediately.



## **LOOSENED TOOTH/ TOOTH HAS MOVED**

- ▶ This is an emergency and needs immediate care by a dentist as soon as possible.
- ▶ Try to move the teeth gently to their original position.
- ▶ Close the mouth with a piece of gauze, clean cloth or napkin between the upper and lower teeth.
- ▶ Call and visit us immediately.



## **BROKEN/FRACTURED TOOTH**

- ▶ This is not an emergency but definitely needs treatment within 24 hours.
- ▶ Try to find the broken piece and keep it moist by submerging it in milk or water.
- ▶ Call us and book in the earliest possible appointment and bring the submerged tooth fragment.



## **BABY TOOTH TRAUMA**

- ▶ If a baby tooth is knocked out or broken do not try and put it back in the socket.
- ▶ Submerge the tooth or tooth fragment in milk and bring it with you to your appointment.
- ▶ Call us and book in the earliest possible appointment with a paediatric dentist.