

Handling Dental Emergencies for Children

A guide to addressing common pediatric dental emergencies.

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Step 1: Stay Calm and Assess the Situation

Remain calm and determine the nature of the dental emergency. This will help you provide the best care for your child.

- Your child will take cues from your reaction.



Step 2: Contact Your Dentist Immediately

Call Cool Mountain Kids Pediatric Dentistry at (719) 536-1919 as soon as possible. Provide details about the emergency.

- The office is available for emergencies during regular business hours.



Step 3: Manage Bleeding

If there is bleeding, apply pressure to the area with a clean gauze pad or cloth. Rinse the mouth with warm water if possible.



Step 4: Address Swelling

For swelling, apply a cold compress or ice pack to the outside of the cheek. Do not apply ice directly to the skin.



Step 5: Handle Knocked-Out Teeth

If a permanent tooth is knocked out, try to find the tooth. Rinse it gently with water without scrubbing. Place it in a small container of milk or saliva.

- Do not reinsert the tooth into the socket.
- Time is critical for saving a knocked-out tooth.



Step 6: Manage Chipped or Broken Teeth

Rinse your child's mouth with warm water. If a piece of the tooth is found, bring it with you to the appointment.



Step 7: Treat Toothaches

Rinse your child's mouth with warm water. Gently floss to remove any food particles. Do not place aspirin or heat on the gum or tooth.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Cool Mountain Kids: Pediatric Dental Emergencies (Infographic)

<https://storage.googleapis.com/pediatric-dentistry-checklists-20260707-64863c/pediatric-dentistry/Infographic/emergency-html-infographic.pdf>

■ Children's Dental Emergency Checklist

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Act quickly and calmly to manage your child's dental emergency.