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## Treatment of Dental Injuries

### Dental Injury

*What do I do if a primary (baby) tooth is knocked out?*

- Do not attempt to replace the primary tooth in the child's mouth.
- Control bleeding by applying firm but gentle pressure to the area.
- If you can find the tooth, gently rinse the tooth under water and take it to the dentist with the child as soon as possible.

*What do I do if a permanent tooth is knocked out?*

Time is critical! The child must be taken to the dentist immediately. The tooth may be able to be saved and put back in the mouth if the child can make it to the dentist within an hour. Some things to do to help save the tooth:

- If the tooth is found, but is dirty, gently rinse it under tap water – DO NOT CLEAN OR SCRUB THE TOOTH.
- Hold the tooth by the crown (top part of the tooth) and gently work it back into the tooth socket.
- You or your child should hold the tooth in the socket, while being taken to the dentist.

If you cannot place the tooth in the socket:

- Place the tooth in a glass of milk or saline, if available.
- If this is not possible, have the child hold the tooth between his/her gums and cheek while being taken to the dentist. If the child is unable to hold the tooth this way, place the tooth in plastic wrap, glass of water or a wet towel.



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## **How to Prevent Dental Injuries**

It is very important to prevent injuries to your child's teeth. When the child is very young:

- Do not leave him/her unattended;
- Do not purchase or let him/her use a walker;
- Install gates on stairs;
- Encourage use of a bicycle helmet when riding toys and bikes;
- Have emergency number of doctor/dentist available in a prominent place.