

BABY TOOTH TRAUMA



Thankfully, most accidents involving baby teeth are not true emergencies. They can typically be managed at home and evaluated later, once everyone has calmed down. The true emergency is often having the right information on hand, so we can manage ourselves and provide comfort to our little ones. Flip over for a guide to managing baby tooth-related accidents. Get comfortable with this and you'll be able to stay cool as a cucumber if something occurs. Also make sure to call your pediatric dentist. They will ask you some questions, request a photo, and schedule a time to take a look. They may also provide advice on what to look for in the future. Most importantly, BREATHE and STAY CALM for your kiddo.



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Say Cheese!

A picture is often worth a thousand words to your pediatric dentist, so snap a photo and be ready to send it during your conversation with your pediatric dentist.

Chipped or broken

Take a photo once everyone is calm. Is there a little red dot in the middle of the tooth, or is the broken part all white? This will help the pediatric dentist figure out just how big that chip is.

Knocked-out

LEAVE IT OUT! If you can find the tooth, hang onto it. If not, that's okay. But make sure you call your pediatric dentist either way. Your dentist may want to figure out where that "missing" tooth is hiding.

Loose

Is the tooth blowing in the wind or just a little wiggly to the touch? Is it in the same place or has it moved to a new spot in the smile? Can your child still close their mouth or has the tooth's new position become a problem? Having these answers will help your dentist better understand the injury.

Bump

What was bumped? Did the child bump their lip or cheek, or did they bump a tooth? Maybe both? If they bumped their lip or cheek, hold a cool compress over the area to help with any swelling that may develop later. Swelling often looks worse the next day, so don't be alarmed if this is the case. Make sure to call your pediatric dentist if you think or are unsure if a tooth was involved.

Cut

Is it bleeding? If you can, hold clean pressure on the area to stop the bleeding. Things may look messy. They often do in the mouth because our spit makes a little bit of red, look like a lot of red! Stay calm and try to stop the bleeding. If it doesn't stop after a short time, call your pediatric dentist or an emergency center if appropriate.