

## ***Dental Emergencies***

**Toothache:** When a child complains of toothache, please see a pediatric dentist as soon as possible. Pain may be on and off. Motrin can help to alleviate the pain till the child sees a dentist.

**Facial swelling:** can arise from a) A toothache can lead to spread of infection and facial swelling. If this is seen, please rush the child to a pediatric dentist or to the closest emergency room. Facial swelling can be life threatening.

b) Fall or Accidents: If the swelling is as a result of a fall, cold compresses can help to reduce the swelling, see a dentist as soon as possible.



**Objects caught between teeth:** place a dental floss and try to floss it out gently. If bleeding occurs or you are unable to dislodge the object- see a dentist as soon as possible.

## ***Playground Accidents***

### **Knocked out tooth.**



*Baby tooth:* apply pressure to bleeding gums with clean gauze. **Do Not** attempt to replace the tooth.



*Adult tooth:* Look for the tooth immediately. Handle the tooth holding the crown of the tooth. If dirty, gently rinse with clean water and try to put it back into the socket. If you are unable to do so, put the tooth in milk and see a dentist immediately.



**Displaced tooth:** See a dentist immediately.



**Broken tooth:** Try to locate the piece that has chipped off, see a dentist immediately.



**Tongue or lip bites/cuts:** apply pressure with clean piece of gauze and see a dentist immediately.



**Broken Jaw:** if you suspect a broken jaw, do not attempt to manipulate it. Secure the broken piece with a hand towel. Go to the emergency room immediately. If swelling is noted cold compresses can be applied.

**Disclaimer:** This information is for general purpose and is not a substitute for professional care!

