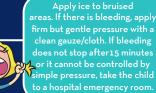


## DR. FIELD'S GUIDE TO PEDIATRIC DENTAL EMERGENCIES

Clean the area around the sore tooth.
Rinse the mouth thoroughly with warm
salt water or use dental floss to dislodge
trapped food/debris. DO NOT place
aspirin or heat on the gum or aching
tooth. If face is swollen, apply a cold
compress. Take acetaminophen for pain
and contact Dr. Field as soon as possible.



CUT or BITTEN TONGUE, LIP, or CHEEK



Find the tooth. Handle the tooth by the top (crown) NOT the root portion. You may rinse the tooth, but DO NOT clean or handle the tooth unnecessarily. Try to reinserl it into its socket. Have the child hold the tooth in place by biting on a clean gauze/cloth. If you cannot reinsert the tooth, transport the tooth in a cup of milk. See Dr. Field IMMEDIATELY! Time is a critical factor in saving the tooth.



BROKEN TOOTH



Rinse dirt from injured area with warm water. Place cold compresses over the face in the area of the injury. Locate and save any broken tooth fragments. See Dr. Field immediately.

If a broken appliance can be removed easily, take it out. If it cannot, cover the sharp or protruding portion with dental wax, cotton balls, gauze, or chewing gum. If a wire is stuck in the gums, cheek, or tongue, DO NOT remove it. See Dr. Field immediately. Loose or broken appliances which do not bother the child don't usually require emergency attention.





POSSIBLE BROKEN JAW If a fractured jaw is suspected, try to keep the jaws from moving by using a towel, tie, or handkerchief, then take the child to the nearest hospital emergency room.

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