

# **Dental Emergencies**

## My Child Knocked His Baby Tooth Out

- Baby teeth are not normally put back
  - Children should still see the doctor to check the health of surrounding teeth

#### My Child Knocked Her Permanent Tooth Out

- Time is very important—contact our office immediately
- If possible, find the tooth
- Permanent teeth can sometimes be saved and reinserted, but
  - o Only handle the crown of the tooth—not the root
  - Store the broken tooth in milk
  - o Or, if possible, reinsert the tooth into its socket

## My Child Chipped a Tooth

- Time is very important—contact our office immediately
- If possible, find and save the tooth fragment
- It may be possible to glue the tooth fragment back on with a composite resin

# My Child Had a Blow to the Head, Jaw, or Face

### My Child Has a Toothache

- If the tooth blows up after hours
  - Brush around the tooth as best as possible
  - Floss around the tooth and rinse with salt water
  - Give your child children's strength acetaminophen or ibuprofen
  - Remember, unless it is necessary, no dental work will be performed until swelling is reduced
- If pain persists, call the office and get the doctors' beeper number
- Otherwise, call our office during office hours to schedule an appointment
- We will get you in that day

#### **Broken Braces, Wires, or Other Orthodontic Appliances**

- If your child is in pain, contact our office immediately
- If your child is not in pain, contact our office during business hours
  - It is important that you call us and reschedule immediately, so there is no delay in your child's orthodontic progress
  - We will do our best to reschedule your child promptly
- If done easily, remove the broken appliance
- Cover any protruding wires with wax
- Do not attempt to remove a wire stuck in your child's tongue, cheek, lip, or gums