



TRAUMA TO BABY TEETH

Trauma to baby teeth (usually front teeth) occurs frequently, and if so call our office and get it checked. Fortunately, most children receive little, if any, visible damage to his/her teeth. However, there is the possibility of problems developing following a traumatic dental incident

The following are signs and /or changes that you will need to look for in the coming weeks and months:

- 1. Color changes:** The traumatized tooth/teeth may discolor. This may vary from light gray or yellow to dark gray or brown.
- 2. Abscess (infection):** A “gum boil” may form above the traumatized tooth/teeth on the gum tissue. It looks like a pimple.
- 3. Swelling:** Generalized swelling may occur in the vicinity of the traumatized tooth/teeth and can cause temporary lip or facial disfiguration.
- 4. Mobility:** The traumatized tooth/teeth may become very loose after they have initially tightened following the original traumatic incident.
- 5. Discomfort:** Complaints of discomfort associated with the traumatized tooth/teeth can occur. An example would be your child not wanting to use his/her front teeth for biting and chewing.

Please keep your child on a soft diet for the first 5-7 days following the traumatic incident. Acetaminophen (“Tylenol”) or Ibuprofen (“Advil”) may be taken every 4-6 hours as needed for discomfort. In most cases, Dr. Kennell and Dr. Smith will want to examine your child within 4-10 weeks following the initial traumatic incident.

**Please contact the office
if you have any questions or concerns!**



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