

## WHAT TO DO IF...

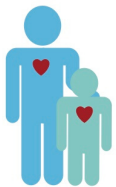
### A BABY TOOTH IS KNOCKED OUT



Contact your pediatric dentist as soon as possible. **QUICK ACTION** can lessen a child's discomfort and **PREVENT INFECTION**.



Rinse the mouth with water and apply **COLD COMPRESSES** to reduce swelling.



Spend time **COMFORTING THE CHILD** rather than looking for the tooth. Remember, baby teeth should not be replanted because of potential damage to developing permanent teeth.

### A PERMANENT TOOTH IS KNOCKED OUT



Find the tooth. Rinse it gently in cool water. **DO NOT** scrub it or use soap.



**REPLACE THE TOOTH** in the socket and hold it there with clean gauze or a wash cloth. If you cannot put the tooth back in the socket, place the tooth in a clean container, preferably with cold milk. If milk is not available, put it in a container with the child's saliva, but **NOT IN WATER**.



Take the child and the tooth to your pediatric dental office **IMMEDIATELY** or call the emergency number if it is after hours.

### A TOOTH IS CHIPPED OR BROKEN



Contact your pediatric dentist **IMMEDIATELY**. Fast action can save the tooth, prevent infection and reduce the need for extensive dental treatment.



Rinse the mouth with **WATER AND APPLY COLD COMPRESSES** to reduce swelling.



If a parent can find the broken tooth fragment, it is important to **TAKE IT TO THE DENTIST**.

### AN ACTIVITY INVOLVES RISK OF FALLS OR COLLISIONS



Wear a **MOUTH GUARD** when activity involves a risk of falls, collisions or contact with hard surfaces or equipment.



Pre-formed mouth guards can be purchased in sporting goods stores, or **CUSTOMIZED MOUTH GUARDS** can be made by a pediatric dentist.

