First Aid for Dental Emergencies

Bitten Lip or Tongue
- Apply direct pressure with clean cloth.
- Apply cold compresses.
- Go to emergency room if bleeding continues.

Object Wedged between teeth
- Remove carefully with floss, but do not use sharp or pointed instruments.
- If you can’t remove object, see a dentist.

Toothache
- Rinse out mouth with warm water.
- If there’s swelling, place cold compresses on cheek.
- Do not place aspirin or heat on aching tooth.
- See dentist as soon as possible.

Broken Tooth
- Rinse mouth with warm water.
- Place cold compresses on face.
- See your dentist immediately.

Knocked-out tooth
- Rinse tooth gently under running water. Do not scrub.
- Don’t pack a baby tooth back in the socket.
- A permanent tooth can be placed back in socket if possible. If not place tooth in milk or cool water.
- Immediately go to the dentist.

Dentist: _________________________
Phone: _________________________

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