

## DENTAL EMERGENCY PLAN OF ACTION

**IMPORTANT: ASSURE THAT UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS ARE FOLLOWED WHENEVER BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS ARE PRESENT.**

IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT TO THE TONGUE, LIPS, CHEEKS, OR TEETH:

1. Attempt to calm the child. All incidents should be handled quietly and calmly.
2. Check for bleeding. If child is bleeding, a first aid certified employee will attend the child. Stop bleeding by applying pressure to the area. Wash the affected area with clean water. Apply ice for swelling.
3. Check to see if a tooth is fractured. If it is, take the child to a dentist immediately for treatment.
4. Check to see if a tooth is loosened. If this is the case, rinse out the child's mouth, but **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE TEETH OR JAW**. Take the child to a dentist immediately.
5. Check for an extruded (knocked out) tooth. If a tooth is extruded, recover it. Rinse both mouth and tooth with tap water. If it is not possible to replace the tooth in the socket, wrap the tooth in a clean, wet cloth. Take the child and tooth to a dentist immediately. It is extremely important that the tooth be reimplanted by a dentist within 30 minutes.
6. Check for an intruded (knocked into the gums) tooth. If a tooth is intruded, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FREE OR PULL ON THE TOOTH**. Rinse out the child's mouth and take the child to a dentist immediately.
7. Check for any injury to tongue, cheek or lips. If there is such an injury, rinse the affected area. Apply ice to control swelling. Take the child to a dentist or physician if bleeding continues or the wound is large.
8. Check for other soft tissue injury. If the tongue or lips become stuck to an object and the tissue tears, stop the bleeding. Wash the affected area with clean water, and take the child to a dentist or physician.
9. Contact the child's parent/guardian, then call the Family Services Specialist and complete the Accident Report.

### **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESS**

**1. DENTIST** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. HOSPITAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. AMBULANCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. FAMILY SERVICES SPECIALIST** \_\_\_\_\_