



Advice after dental trauma

Teeth that have been injured may develop complications many months or even years following the trauma. It is important that injured teeth are regularly reviewed by a dental practitioner.

Parents/carers play an important role in the care of injured teeth. You can help by:

- Following the advice provided by the dental practitioner
- Ensuring the injured area is kept as clean as possible:
 - Gentle toothbrushing 2 x day
 - Rinse mouth with warm salt water after meals
- Contacting the dental clinic if you notice:
 - any colour changes to the injured tooth/teeth. (Figure 1)
 - any pain or swelling/pimple associated with the injured tooth (Figure 2)

The treatment for injured teeth may involve a number of visits. This may include:

- Emergency treatment to the injured tooth and mouth
- Radiographs to assess healing
- Simple filling to repair a “chipped tooth”
- Root canal treatment for more severe injuries.

Review appointments may be required at approximately 3, 6, 12 and 24 month intervals to monitor healing and assesses for complications. In some instances, your child may be referred to a specialist for treatment due to the complexity of the injury. If referral is required, parents/carers will be responsible for the payment of fees.

Please contact the clinic on the number below if you require any additional information.



Figure 1:
Darkened tooth




Figure 2:
Swelling between two front teeth




For further information please discuss with your dental practitioner

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