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POLICY: DENTAL EMERGENCY FIRST AID

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE: Staff must be prepared to handle dental emergencies. In the event of a dental emergency, the following procedures must be followed.

PROCEDURE:

In the event of an accident to the tongue, lips, cheeks, or teeth:
Attempt to calm the child. All incidents should be handled quietly and calmly; a panicked child is likely to create problems for treatment and may cause further trauma.

Check for bleeding. If the child is bleeding:

1. Stop bleeding by applying pressure to the area;
2. Wash the affected area with clean water;
3. Apply ice, wrapped in clean cloth, for swelling.

If tooth is knocked out, fractured, chipped, broken, or loose:

1. Staff should calm the child.
2. If injured area is dirty, clean gently.
3. Place cold compresses on the face, in the injured area, to limit swelling.
4. Immediately take the child to a dentist for treatment.

If teeth are loosened in an accident:

1. Rinse out the child's mouth.
2. Do not attempt to move the teeth or jaw.
3. Take the child to the dentist immediately.

If a tooth is knocked into the gums:

1. Do not attempt to free or pull on the tooth.
2. Rinse out the child's mouth.
3. Take the child to the dentist immediately.

If injury to the tongue, cheeks, or lips occurs:

1. Rinse affected area.
2. Apply ice, wrapped in clean cloth, to control swelling.

3. Take the child to the dentist or a physician if bleeding continues or the wound is large.

In the event of any other soft tissue injury, as in the case where the tongue or lips become stuck to an object and the tissue tears:

1. Stop the bleeding
2. Cover the affected area with sterile petroleum jelly.
3. Take the child to the dentist or to a physician.
4. Call the parent and inform them of the injury.

*follow procedures in health policy 4.1 and 4.4

Police: _____

Fire: _____

Paramedics: _____

Physician: _____

Dentist: _____