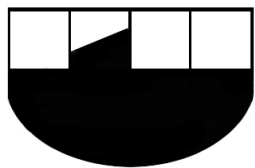


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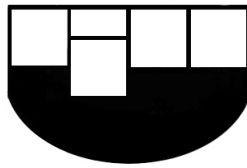
DENTAL INJURIES: FOLLOW-UP CARE

If your child has had a serious dental injury, it is important to follow-up with your dentist within 2 weeks. Broken teeth are the least severe injuries, followed by loose teeth. Teeth that have been pushed in or knocked out are the most serious dental injuries.

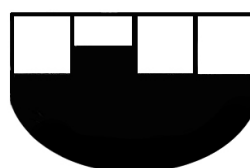
TYPES OF TRAUMATIC DENTAL INJURIES



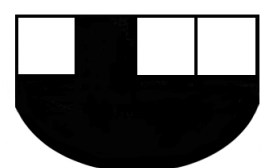
BROKEN



LOOSE



PUSHED IN



KNOCKED OUT

WHY FOLLOW UP IS SO IMPORTANT

- We may not be sure of the outcome of a dental injury for a few months.
- Even if the tooth does not hurt right after the injury, **it still needs treatment and check-ups.**
- If a patient does not follow up, permanent damage to the tooth or even tooth loss may occur.
- To prevent serious permanent damage, the patient needs to have **at least 3 follow-up visits** within the first 2 months after the injury.

OUTCOMES

- When a child with a dental injury receives timely care and proper treatment, the chance of tooth loss is reduced.
- It is very important that all tooth injuries are diagnosed, treated and controlled in time.
- With the proper follow-up care, future problems and high cost treatments can be prevented.

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