



## **In Case Of Emergency:**

### **My Tooth Broke/Fell Out/Became Loose**

#### **Tooth Broke:**

**A broken tooth not involving the root of the tooth is the most common type of fracture and has the best chances of being saved. We will generally place a crown or filling on this type of fracture. If the fracture is in the middle of the tooth, it may require a root canal and crown. For immediate aid, you can place a temporary filling in the tooth (generally found at a pharmacy), and contact your dentist.**

**If the fracture involves the root of the tooth, it may need to be extracted.**

#### **Tooth Fell Out:**

**If an adult tooth is lost, it can be successfully re-implanted (if acted upon quickly). Find the tooth and rinse thoroughly with clean water (hold by crown, not root). Do not scrub the root of the tooth or use any cleaning agents. The tooth can be stored in a mixture of saliva, milk, water and a small amount salt (do not allow the tooth to dry out). To prevent discomfort, you may choose to bite down on gauze. Schedule with your dentist immediately for evaluation.**

**If the tooth is not able to be saved, we offer many tooth replacement options.**

#### **Tooth Becomes Loose:**

**For a loose tooth, call to schedule an appointment immediately. Avoid chewing on that tooth by any means before seeing your dentist. Once in the office, treatment options will be discussed. Depending on the severity of trauma, root canal therapy may be needed in the future if tooth begins darkening in color, becomes sensitive to hot/cold or starts aching spontaneously.**

*\*If any of the above events occur, schedule with your dentist immediately. Resolving issues quickly will allow for the best results with your dental health.\**

**Emergency Phone Number:**

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