

# Tooth Injury

## Treatment:

Follow these steps when giving first aid to a person with a tooth injury:

- Clean the wound with saline or clean water.
- If the tooth is loose, have the person bite down on a piece of gauze to keep the tooth in place and call a dentist.
- If a tooth is chipped, gently clean the injured area and call a dentist.
- Apply pressure with gauze to stop bleeding at the empty tooth socket.
- If a tooth is knocked out, place it in a cup of milk, a salt solution, or saliva, and immediately take the injured person and tooth to a dentist or ER. The greatest chance for successful reattachment is within the first hour after the tooth is lost.
- The dislodged permanent tooth should not be stored in tap water.
- Carefully handle the tooth by the crown, avoiding contact with the root.
- Tell the parents to talk with a dentist if a tooth changes color after the injury.