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crown and bring the crown with you when you see the dentist. If possible, place the crown back over the tooth. If you have lost a filling, it can be painful because the exposed tooth surface is often sensitive to temperature or air. Try to see the dentist as soon as possible to have the filling replaced. This will prevent further damage to the tooth and the need for more extensive treatment. A chipped tooth can leave you with a sharp edge, and if it's one of your front teeth can affect the aesthetics of your smile. Make an appointment with your dentist as soon as you can so they can assess the chip and then discuss possible treatment options for fixing the problem, whether that's filing back a sharp edge or a restoration.

Bleeding (injuries affecting your lip, cheek or gums) If you experience injuries to the lip, cheek or gums, apply a clean bandage or handkerchief to the wound and apply firm pressure to help stop the bleeding. If the bleeding does not stop in 10 minutes, seek immediate medical attention.

Jaw Pain If you are experiencing difficulty eating or opening your mouth due to jaw pain, seek medical or dental care. In the short-term, to help alleviate pain, apply a cold compress onto the jaw area to reduce swelling and take anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen for pain relief. If a dental emergency occurs, please contact Smile Solutions to speak to our friendly reception staff to organise a prompt appointment. If it occurs after hours, call the dental emergency number.

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