

Emergency dentist – what to do if a tooth is knocked out

At the Dentist at Chiswick we see lots of patients in need of emergency dental care when their tooth is knocked out.

Time really is of the essence. If we can replace the tooth in its socket soon enough (usually within an hour) the tooth may be saved.

Firstly, it is important to preserve the root. Hold the tooth by the crown (the top bit which is usually seen) rather than the root.

The tooth needs to be kept moist. If possible, try and place it gently back into the socket. If not, ask the injured person to hold it in their cheek, or place it in a glass of saliva or milk.

We recommend that you seek emergency dental treatment straight away – the sooner you see us the greater the chance of saving your tooth.