

Emergency Dentist at Core Dental Berwick

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When a Dental Emergency Strikes in Berwick

A dental emergency never happens at a convenient time. It's the cracked tooth at Saturday morning sport in Officer, the severe toothache that wakes you at 3 am, or the knocked-out tooth on a Tuesday afternoon when you're supposed to be at work. What you do in those first moments — and how quickly you can get professional help — can mean the difference between saving and losing a tooth.

Core Dental Berwick provides same-day emergency dental care for patients across Berwick, Narre Warren, Officer, Pakenham, Beaconsfield, Harkaway, Clyde, and the broader south-east suburbs. Located at Shop 29 in Eden Rise Village, 1 O'Shea Road, we're easy to find in a hurry — right in the heart of Berwick's heritage shopping precinct with ample on-site parking so you can get from car to chair quickly.

As the most established Core Dental location — with over a decade of continuous operation — our team has handled every type of dental emergency you can imagine. We've seen the knocked-out teeth from school playground falls, the cracked molars from footy matches, the abscesses that flare up over long weekends, and the broken restorations that come at the worst possible moment. We know how to respond quickly, calmly, and effectively.

If you're experiencing a dental emergency right now, call (03) 9132 4160. Let our reception team know it's urgent, and we'll do everything we can to see you today.

What Counts as a Dental Emergency?

Not every dental problem is an emergency, but many are more urgent than people realise. Here's a guide to help you assess your situation.

True Dental Emergencies — Seek Immediate Care

These situations require professional attention as soon as possible:

Knocked-out tooth (avulsed tooth) A permanent tooth that's been completely knocked out can potentially be re-implanted if you act quickly. Time is critical — ideally within 30 minutes to one hour. Pick up the tooth by the crown (the white part you can normally see), avoid touching the root, and either place it back in the socket if possible, store it in milk, or hold it inside your cheek against the gum. Then get to us immediately.

****Severe, uncontrolled toothache**** Intense, throbbing pain that doesn't respond to over-the-counter painkillers often indicates an infection, abscess, or nerve involvement. This level of pain isn't something to push through — it usually signals a problem that will only get worse without treatment.

****Dental abscess**** An abscess is a pocket of infection, usually appearing as a swelling on the gum near the affected tooth. It may look like a pimple or cause significant facial swelling. Abscesses can be dangerous if the infection spreads, and they require professional drainage and treatment — antibiotics alone typically won't resolve them.

****Broken or fractured tooth with exposed nerve**** If you can see pink or red tissue inside a broken tooth, or if the break is causing severe pain, the nerve is likely exposed. This needs urgent attention to prevent infection and to manage the pain.

****Uncontrollable bleeding from the mouth**** Bleeding that doesn't stop after 15–20 minutes of sustained pressure, or bleeding following an extraction or injury, needs professional assessment.

****Jaw injury or suspected fracture**** Difficulty opening or closing your mouth, severe pain when biting, or visible misalignment after an impact should be assessed urgently. Depending on severity, this may require hospital emergency care.

Urgent but Not Immediately Life-Threatening

These situations should be seen within 24 hours:

- ****Lost filling or crown**** — the exposed tooth is vulnerable to further damage and sensitivity
- ****Cracked or chipped tooth**** without severe pain — important to assess before the crack worsens
- ****Broken denture**** — especially if it's causing soft tissue irritation
- ****Loose tooth in an adult**** — may indicate trauma, infection, or advanced gum disease
- ****Object caught between teeth**** that you can't remove with floss — don't force it with sharp instruments
- ****Orthodontic wire or bracket causing pain**** — particularly if it's cutting into soft tissue

Can Typically Wait for a Regular Appointment

- Mild sensitivity to hot or cold that resolves quickly
- A small chip that isn't causing pain
- Cosmetic concerns (staining, minor alignment issues)
- Gradual, dull ache that's been developing over days or weeks

When in doubt, call us. Our reception team can help you assess the urgency of your situation over the phone and advise on the best course of action.

How Emergency Appointments Work at Core Dental Berwick

Step 1: Call Us

Phone (03) 9132 4160 and tell the receptionist you have an emergency. Be ready to describe:

- What happened (trauma, sudden pain, etc.)
- When it started
- The location and severity of pain
- Any visible damage, swelling, or bleeding

Step 2: Immediate Assessment

When you arrive at Eden Rise Village, we'll prioritise getting you assessed quickly. Your dentist will:

- Examine the affected area
- Take digital X-rays if needed to assess damage below the gumline
- Diagnose the problem and explain your options

Step 3: Same-Day Treatment

In most cases, we can provide definitive or stabilising treatment on the same day. This might include:

- Pain relief and local anaesthesia
- Temporary or permanent fillings
- Re-cementing a loose crown
- Tooth splinting for loosened teeth
- Drainage of an abscess
- Emergency extraction if the tooth cannot

be saved - Prescription of antibiotics if infection is present - Re-implantation of a knocked-out tooth (time-dependent)

Step 4: Follow-Up Care

After emergency treatment, your dentist will explain what to expect during recovery and schedule any follow-up appointments needed. Some emergencies — like a re-implanted tooth or a complex fracture — require monitoring over subsequent weeks to ensure the best outcome.

What to Do Before You Get to Us

Knocked-Out Tooth — Act Fast

1. **Find the tooth.** Pick it up by the crown only — never touch the root. 2. **If dirty, rinse gently** with milk or saline. Don't scrub it, don't use soap, don't use tap water for extended rinsing. 3. **Try to re-insert it.** If you can, gently push the tooth back into the socket and bite down on a clean cloth to hold it in place. This is the single best thing you can do. 4. **If you can't re-insert it,** place the tooth in a small container of milk. If milk isn't available, hold the tooth inside your cheek (between your cheek and gum). The goal is to keep the root surface moist and protected. 5. **Get to us within 30 minutes if possible.** The sooner a knocked-out tooth is re-implanted, the better the chance of saving it. After two hours, the prognosis drops significantly.

Severe Toothache

- Take over-the-counter pain relief (ibuprofen is generally most effective for dental pain — follow packet instructions) - Apply a cold compress to the outside of your cheek for 15–20 minutes at a time - Avoid very hot or cold foods and drinks - Don't place aspirin directly on the gum — this can cause a chemical burn - Call us for a same-day appointment

Chipped, Cracked, or Broken Tooth

- Rinse your mouth gently with warm salt water - If there's bleeding, apply gentle pressure with clean gauze - Save any tooth fragments — bring them with you - Apply a cold compress to reduce swelling - Cover any sharp edges with dental wax or sugar-free chewing gum to protect your tongue and cheeks - Call us for assessment

Dental Abscess

- Rinse with warm salt water (half a teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water) to draw the infection toward the surface and provide temporary relief - Take over-the-counter pain relief - Don't try to pop or drain the abscess yourself - Seek professional care promptly — abscesses don't resolve on their own and the infection can spread

Lost Filling or Crown

- If a crown has come off, try to keep it. If it's intact, you may be able to temporarily re-seat it using denture adhesive or toothpaste (not superglue). - If a filling has fallen out, keep the cavity clean by rinsing with warm salt water after eating - Over-the-counter temporary filling material (available from pharmacies) can provide short-term protection - Book an appointment as soon as possible — the exposed tooth is vulnerable to further damage and decay

Emergency Dental Care for Children

Dental emergencies in children require special consideration, and having specialist paediatric dentist Dr Sarah Scott on-site at Core Dental Berwick gives families an important advantage.

Common Childhood Dental Emergencies

****Baby tooth knocked out:**** Unlike permanent teeth, knocked-out baby teeth are generally not re-implanted (doing so could damage the developing permanent tooth underneath). But it's still important to see a dentist to assess for damage to the surrounding area and to monitor the developing tooth.

****Permanent tooth knocked out in a child:**** This is a genuine time-critical emergency. Follow the same steps as for adults — try to re-implant, store in milk, and get to us immediately. Children's teeth can have excellent re-implantation outcomes if treated quickly.

****Fractured tooth from a fall or sports injury:**** Children are active, and tooth injuries from playground falls, bicycle accidents, and sport are common. Even if the tooth looks fine externally, there may be damage to the root or nerve that requires assessment.

****Toothache in a child:**** Don't dismiss dental pain in children as "just a baby tooth." Pain indicates a problem that needs attention — and untreated infection in a baby tooth can affect the developing permanent tooth.

Managing a Frightened Child in an Emergency

A dental emergency is stressful for anyone, but it's particularly frightening for children. Some tips:

- Stay calm yourself — children take their cues from the adults around them
- Reassure them that the dentist will help and the pain will stop
- Don't use language like "it won't hurt" (they may not believe you after that)
- Let them know it's OK to feel scared
- Our team is experienced with anxious children and will adapt our approach to your child's needs

When to Go to Hospital Instead

While we handle the vast majority of dental emergencies, some situations require hospital emergency care:

- ****Suspected jaw fracture**** — particularly if the jaw appears misaligned or you can't close your mouth properly
- ****Severe facial swelling**** that is affecting breathing or swallowing
- ****Uncontrollable bleeding**** that hasn't responded to sustained pressure for 20+ minutes
- ****Head injury**** accompanying the dental trauma — particularly if there was loss of consciousness, confusion, or vomiting
- ****Chest pain or difficulty breathing**** associated with the dental emergency (rare, but potentially serious)

For these situations, go directly to the nearest hospital emergency department. Once any life-threatening issues are stabilised, we can handle the dental treatment and follow-up care.

The nearest major hospitals to Berwick include Casey Hospital in Berwick itself and Monash Medical Centre in Clayton.

Preventing Dental Emergencies

While you can't prevent every dental emergency, many are avoidable:

****Wear a custom mouthguard for sport:**** Over-the-counter mouthguards provide minimal protection. A custom-fitted mouthguard from your dentist is moulded precisely to your teeth, stays in place during impact, and provides significantly better protection against tooth and jaw injuries. Essential for any contact sport — and we'd include basketball, soccer, and even cycling, not just rugby and AFL.

****Don't use your teeth as tools:**** We see cracked teeth from opening bottles, tearing packaging, cracking nuts, and biting pens. Your teeth are for eating. Use scissors, nutcrackers, and bottle openers for everything else.

****Attend regular check-ups:**** Many emergencies — particularly abscesses and tooth fractures — develop from problems that could have been detected and treated early at a routine check-up. A small filling today prevents a cracked tooth and emergency appointment next month.

****Treat decay promptly:**** A cavity that's been "on the list" for months can suddenly become an abscess or a fractured tooth. Don't wait until it becomes an emergency.

****Wear a night guard if you grind your teeth:**** Bruxism (teeth grinding) gradually weakens teeth, making them susceptible to cracking. A custom night guard protects your teeth while you sleep.

Cost of Emergency Dental Treatment

Emergency dental costs vary depending on the treatment needed. As a general guide:

- ****Emergency consultation and X-rays:**** This covers the assessment, diagnosis, and imaging needed to determine the problem and plan treatment. - ****Simple treatments**** (temporary fillings, re-cementing crowns, draining abscesses) tend to be straightforward and moderately priced. - ****Complex treatments**** (tooth splinting, emergency root canal, complex extractions) involve more time and expertise.

We'll always explain costs before proceeding with treatment. In an emergency, we'll stabilise your situation first, then discuss the treatment plan and costs for any further work needed.

Health Fund and Payment Options

- ****CBHS, HCF, and NIB**** preferred provider — lower out-of-pocket costs for members - ****HICAPS on-site**** — claim on the spot and pay only the gap - ****Payright payment plans**** — interest-free plans from \$1,000 to \$20,000 over 3–30 months for follow-up treatment - ****CDBS bulk billing**** — eligible children aged 2–17 may receive emergency dental care at no out-of-pocket cost under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Why Choose Core Dental Berwick for Emergencies?

****Over a decade of experience.**** We've been Berwick's trusted dental practice for more than ten years. Our team has handled every type of dental emergency and has the experience and clinical judgement to respond effectively.

****Specialist paediatric dentist on-site.**** Dr Sarah Scott provides expert emergency care for children — with the specialist training and child-friendly approach that childhood dental emergencies demand.

****Central, accessible location.**** Eden Rise Village is easy to find, easy to park at, and right in the heart of Berwick. When you're in pain and in a hurry, accessibility matters.

****Same-day appointments.**** We prioritise emergencies and make every effort to see you the day you call. Call (03) 9132 4160 and let us know it's urgent.

****Comprehensive follow-up.**** Emergency treatment is step one. We ensure proper follow-up care to give you the best long-term outcome — whether that's monitoring a re-implanted tooth, scheduling a crown, or planning definitive treatment after initial stabilisation.

Contact Us — Dental Emergency in Berwick

****Don't wait.**** If you're in pain, if you've had a dental injury, or if something doesn't feel right — call us now.

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