

Emergency Dentist at Core Dental Carrum Downs

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When a Dental Emergency Strikes in Carrum Downs

A dental emergency never happens at a convenient time. It's the cracked tooth at Saturday morning sport, 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 Carrum Downs provides same-day emergency dental care for patients across Carrum Downs, Langwarrin, Frankston North, Skye, Cranbourne West, Sandhurst, and the broader southern suburbs. Located at 335 Ballarto Road — right near Carrum Downs Shopping Centre — we're easy to find in a hurry, with ample on-site parking and ground-floor access so you can get from car to chair without navigating stairs or lifts.

If you're experiencing a dental emergency right now, call (03) 8373 1555. 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 Carrum Downs

Step 1: Call Us

Phone (03) 8373 1555 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, 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 lost crown - Draining an abscess and prescribing antibiotics - Emergency root canal therapy - Tooth extraction if the tooth cannot be saved - Splinting a loose or re-implanted tooth - CEREC same-day crown if a tooth needs capping urgently

Step 4: Follow-Up Plan

After addressing the immediate emergency, your dentist will discuss any follow-up treatment needed and schedule appropriate appointments. We'll make sure you leave with clear instructions for at-home

care in the meantime.

Common Dental Emergencies We Treat

Severe Toothache

Toothache is the most common reason people seek emergency dental care. The causes range from deep decay reaching the nerve, to cracked teeth, to abscesses, to impacted wisdom teeth. What they all have in common is that they rarely get better on their own — and the longer you wait, the more limited your treatment options may become.

****While you're waiting for your appointment:**** - Take over-the-counter pain relief as directed (ibuprofen is generally more effective than paracetamol for dental pain, but follow the dosage instructions and check for contraindications) - Rinse gently with warm salt water - Apply a cold compress to the outside of your cheek if there's swelling - Avoid very hot, very cold, or very sweet foods and drinks - Don't place aspirin directly on the gum — this is an old myth that can cause chemical burns

Knocked-Out Tooth

This is perhaps the most time-sensitive dental emergency. A knocked-out permanent tooth has the best chance of survival if it's re-implanted within 30 minutes. Even up to an hour, there's still a reasonable chance.

****What to do:**** 1. Find the tooth — pick it up by the crown only, never the root 2. If it's dirty, rinse it briefly with milk or saline (not water, not soap) 3. Try to place it back in the socket — gently push it in and hold it there by biting on a clean cloth 4. If you can't re-insert it, store it in milk, saline, or inside your cheek (against the gum) 5. Get to us immediately — call (03) 8373 1555 while you're on the way

****Important:**** This applies to permanent teeth only. Baby teeth that are knocked out should NOT be re-implanted, as this can damage the developing permanent tooth underneath.

Cracked or Broken Teeth

The urgency depends on the severity of the break: - ****Minor chip:**** Not usually urgent, but should be assessed to prevent further cracking - ****Significant break:**** Needs prompt attention, especially if you can see dark or pink tissue inside the tooth - ****Tooth broken at the gumline:**** Urgent — may require extraction or complex restoration

Rinse with warm water, apply a cold compress if there's swelling, and avoid biting on the affected tooth until we can assess it.

Dental Abscess

An abscess is a serious infection that won't resolve on its own. Signs include: - Throbbing, persistent pain that may radiate to the jaw, ear, or neck - Swelling in the face or gum - Fever - A foul taste in the mouth - A visible "pimple" on the gum near the affected tooth - Difficulty swallowing or breathing (this is a medical emergency — call 000)

****Do not attempt to pop or drain an abscess yourself.**** This can spread the infection and make it significantly worse.

Lost Fillings and Crowns

A lost filling or crown leaves the tooth exposed to bacteria, temperature changes, and further structural damage. While not always an emergency in the strictest sense, it should be addressed promptly — ideally within 24–48 hours.

****Temporary measures:**** - If a crown has come off, you can try to slip it back over the tooth temporarily using denture adhesive or even a small amount of toothpaste (never superglue) - For a lost filling,

sugar-free gum or temporary dental cement from the pharmacy can provide short-term coverage -
Avoid chewing on that side of your mouth

Soft Tissue Injuries

Cuts, tears, or puncture wounds to the lips, cheeks, tongue, or gums can bleed profusely and may require suturing. Apply firm pressure with a clean cloth or gauze. If bleeding doesn't stop after 15–20 minutes of sustained pressure, or if the wound is deep, come to us or attend your nearest hospital emergency department.

Emergency Dental Care for Children

Dental emergencies in children require a slightly different approach, and having specialist paediatric dentist Dr Angel Babu on-site at Core Dental Carrum Downs is a significant advantage. Children's teeth, jaw, and emotional responses are different from adults, and they benefit from a practitioner who specialises in managing these differences.

Common Childhood Dental Emergencies

- ****Knocked-out baby tooth:**** Do NOT re-implant it — this can damage the permanent tooth developing underneath. Control any bleeding, comfort the child, and bring them in for assessment. - ****Knocked-out permanent tooth:**** Follow the re-implantation steps above and get to us immediately. - ****Chipped or broken tooth:**** Rinse gently, apply a cold compress, and call us. - ****Bitten lip or tongue:**** Apply pressure to stop bleeding. If the bite is deep or won't stop bleeding, bring them in. - ****Toothache:**** Often caused by food caught between teeth — try gentle flossing first. If the pain persists, call us.

Preventing Childhood Dental Emergencies

Many childhood dental emergencies are sports-related. A custom-fitted mouthguard — properly made by a dentist, not a boil-and-bite variety from the chemist — provides significantly better protection. We can fit your child with a custom mouthguard at a regular appointment. Given the active, sport-loving families in the Carrum Downs area, this is one of the best investments you can make in your child's dental health.

Why Choose Core Dental Carrum Downs for Emergency Care?

Same-Day Priority

We understand that emergencies can't wait. Our scheduling system allows us to accommodate emergency patients on the same day, fitting you in between regular appointments or at the end of the day if needed.

Experienced Team

Our dentists — Dr Tristan Balthazaar, Dr Amreen Hussain, Dr Ivy Jin, Dr Payal Thatikonda, and Dr Anna Lai — all have experience managing dental emergencies. For paediatric emergencies, specialist paediatric dentist Dr Angel Babu provides an additional level of expertise.

On-Site Technology

Having digital X-rays and CEREC same-day crown technology on-site means we can diagnose and often definitively treat emergencies in a single visit. A tooth that needs a crown after an emergency can sometimes be fully restored on the same day, rather than requiring a temporary crown and a return visit.

Ground-Floor Access with Parking

When you're in pain or distress, the last thing you need is to navigate stairs, lifts, or a car parking maze. Our practice is fully ground-floor with wide corridors and ample on-site parking right outside. You can

get from your car to the dental chair in moments.

Mandarin-Speaking Dentist Available

For Mandarin-speaking patients experiencing an emergency, having Dr Ivy Jin available to communicate in your first language can significantly reduce stress and ensure you fully understand your diagnosis and treatment options during an already difficult time.

Part of the Smile Solutions Group

If your emergency requires specialist intervention beyond what's available at our practice, we can refer you directly to the Smile Solutions Specialist Centre on Collins Street, Melbourne. Your records transfer seamlessly, and the referral process is smooth and fast.

Costs and Payment for Emergency Dental Care

Emergency dental costs vary depending on the nature and complexity of the treatment required. As a guide:

- **Emergency examination and X-rays:** This is the starting point for diagnosis - **Simple treatments** (re-cementing a crown, temporary filling): Generally straightforward and affordable - **Complex treatments** (root canal, extraction, CEREC crown): Higher cost, but we'll always discuss options and costs before proceeding

Payment Options

- **Health fund:** We accept all major health funds with HICAPS on-site — you'll only pay the gap - **CDBS:** Eligible children's emergency dental care can be bulk-billed under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule - **Payright:** Interest-free payment plans are available for more expensive emergency treatments - **Transparent pricing:** We'll explain costs before treatment begins — no surprises

How to Prevent Dental Emergencies

While not all emergencies are preventable, many can be avoided or minimised:

1. **Attend regular check-ups** — problems caught early rarely become emergencies 2. **Wear a mouthguard** for contact sports and high-risk activities 3. **Don't use your teeth as tools** — no opening bottles, tearing packaging, or biting pens 4. **Address dental problems promptly** — a small crack today can become a broken tooth tomorrow 5. **Maintain good oral hygiene** — healthy teeth and gums are more resilient 6. **Be cautious with hard foods** — ice, popcorn kernels, olive pits, and hard lollies are common culprits 7. **If you grind your teeth at night**, ask about a night guard

After-Hours Dental Emergencies

Our practice is open Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am – 1:30 pm. If a dental emergency occurs outside these hours, here are your options:

- **Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne:** Located in Carlton, this public hospital provides after-hours emergency dental care. Waiting times can be significant. - **Hospital emergency departments:** For serious trauma, uncontrolled bleeding, severe facial swelling (particularly if it's affecting breathing or swallowing), or suspected jaw fracture, go directly to your nearest hospital emergency department or call 000. - **Call us first thing:** If your emergency occurs overnight or on a Sunday, manage symptoms at home (pain relief, cold compress, gentle salt water rinse) and call (03) 8373 1555 as soon as we open. Let our team know it's urgent and we'll prioritise your appointment.

For true life-threatening emergencies — difficulty breathing, severe uncontrolled bleeding, or anaphylaxis — always call 000 immediately.

Contact Us for Emergency Dental Care

****Core Dental Carrum Downs**** 335 Ballarto Rd, Carrum Downs VIC 3201

****Emergency phone:**** (03) 8373 1555 ****National line:**** 13 13 16 ****Email:****
carrumdowns@coredental.com.au

****Hours:**** Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 8:00 am – 1:30 pm Sunday: Closed

Call us first — let us know it's an emergency, and we'll prioritise getting you in. For life-threatening emergencies involving difficulty breathing, severe facial swelling affecting airways, or uncontrollable bleeding, call 000 or attend your nearest hospital emergency department immediately.

When a dental emergency happens, fast action matters. Core Dental Carrum Downs is here to help — experienced emergency care, right here in your community.