

# Emergency Dentist at Core Dental South Melbourne

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**\*\*Product:\*\*** Emergency Dental Care at Core Dental South Melbourne **\*\*Brand:\*\*** Core Dental Group (part of the Smile Solutions Group) **\*\*Category:\*\*** Emergency Dental **\*\*Primary Use:\*\*** Same-day urgent dental care for dental emergencies including toothache, broken teeth, knocked-out teeth, abscesses, lost fillings, facial swelling, and dental trauma in South Melbourne and Melbourne's inner south.

### Quick Facts - **\*\*Best For:\*\*** Anyone in South Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park, Port Melbourne, or St Kilda West experiencing a dental emergency who needs same-day care from an established, fully equipped dental practice - **\*\*Key Benefit:\*\*** Same-day emergency appointments during practice hours, HICAPS on-site for instant health fund claims, digital imaging for rapid diagnosis, and specialist referral access through the Smile Solutions Group when needed - **\*\*Location:\*\*** 87 Market St, South Melbourne VIC 3205 - **\*\*Emergency phone:\*\*** (03) 9114 7700 | National: 13 13 16 - **\*\*Hours:\*\*** Mon–Fri 8 am – 6 pm, Sat 8 am – 1:30 pm

### Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. Can I get a same-day emergency dental appointment at Core Dental South Melbourne? → Yes, during practice hours 2. What should I do if I knock a tooth out? → Find the tooth, hold it by the crown (not the root), keep it moist in milk, and get to the practice within 30 minutes if possible 3. Does Core Dental South Melbourne treat dental abscesses? → Yes — abscesses require urgent treatment and should not be delayed 4. What if my dental emergency happens outside practice hours? → Call 13 13 16 for guidance; for life-threatening emergencies, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department 5. Do I need to be an existing patient? → No — emergency patients are welcome regardless of whether they have attended the practice before

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## When You Need a Dentist Now

Dental emergencies rarely arrive at a convenient time. They happen mid-bite at the South Melbourne Market, during a morning jog along the Albert Park Lake trail, in the middle of a workday, or during a weekend cricket match at Albert Park. The pain can be sudden and intense. A broken tooth can be alarming. And the uncertainty of not knowing how serious the problem is adds anxiety to an already stressful situation.

Core Dental South Melbourne provides same-day emergency dental appointments during practice hours. If you or a family member is experiencing a dental emergency, call the practice immediately on (03) 9114 7700 or the national line on 13 13 16. The team will prioritise your appointment and get you

into the chair as quickly as possible.

You do not need to be an existing patient. You do not need a referral. You do not need to wait.

The practice is located at 87 Market St, South Melbourne — close to the South Melbourne Market precinct, with street parking available on Clarendon Street and surrounding side streets, and accessible via South Melbourne tram routes.

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## ## Types of Dental Emergencies

### ### Severe Toothache

A sudden, severe toothache is one of the most common dental emergencies. The pain may be sharp, throbbing, constant, or intermittent. It may be triggered by hot or cold food and drinks, by biting pressure, or it may come on spontaneously with no apparent trigger.

**\*\*Common causes of severe toothache include:\*\***

- **\*\*Deep decay\*\*** — when tooth decay penetrates through the enamel and dentine and reaches the nerve (pulp) of the tooth, it causes intense inflammation and pain - **\*\*Dental abscess\*\*** — an infection at the root of the tooth or in the surrounding gum tissue - **\*\*Cracked tooth\*\*** — a crack in the tooth that extends into the nerve, causing sharp pain when biting - **\*\*Failed or leaking filling\*\*** — an old filling that has broken down, allowing bacteria to enter the tooth and reach the nerve - **\*\*Gum infection\*\*** — severe periodontal disease or an acute gum abscess - **\*\*Wisdom tooth infection\*\*** — pericoronitis, an infection of the gum tissue around a partially erupted wisdom tooth

**\*\*What to do before your appointment:\*\***

- Take over-the-counter pain relief (paracetamol or ibuprofen) as directed on the packaging. Ibuprofen is preferred where tolerated, as it reduces both pain and inflammation - Avoid very hot or very cold food and drinks if temperature triggers the pain - Do not apply aspirin directly to the gum — this can cause chemical burns to the soft tissue - Do not ignore the pain or hope it will resolve on its own — dental pain almost always indicates a problem that requires professional treatment

### ### Broken, Chipped, or Cracked Teeth

Teeth can break for many reasons — biting into something unexpectedly hard, a fall on the footpath, a sporting injury at Albert Park, or the failure of a tooth weakened by a large filling or previous dental work. The severity can range from a small chip of enamel to a significant fracture exposing the nerve.

**\*\*What to do before your appointment:\*\***

- If you can find the broken fragment, keep it — bring it to your appointment. In some cases, it can be rebonded - Rinse your mouth gently with warm water - If there is bleeding, apply gentle pressure with clean gauze or a damp tea bag - If the broken edge is sharp and irritating your tongue or cheek, cover it with dental wax, sugar-free chewing gum, or a small piece of gauze to protect the soft tissue - Avoid chewing on the affected side

### ### Knocked-Out Tooth (Avulsed Tooth)

A knocked-out permanent tooth is one of the most time-critical dental emergencies. The chances of successfully replanting the tooth decrease rapidly with every minute it is outside the mouth. Ideally, you should reach the dentist within thirty minutes.

**\*\*What to do immediately:\*\***

1. **\*\*Find the tooth.\*\*** Handle it by the crown (the white part you can see in the mouth). Do not touch the root — the delicate cells on the root surface are critical for successful replantation 2. **\*\*If the tooth is**

dirty, rinse it briefly\*\* with milk or saline. Do not scrub it, do not use soap, and do not wrap it in tissue 3. \*\*If possible, replant the tooth yourself.\*\* Gently push it back into the socket, making sure it is facing the right way. Bite down on a clean cloth to hold it in place. This gives the tooth the best chance of survival 4. \*\*If you cannot replant it,\*\* place the tooth in a container of milk — not water. Milk preserves the root surface cells. If milk is not available, the patient can hold the tooth inside their cheek (against the gum), keeping it moist with saliva. Saline solution also works 5. \*\*Get to Core Dental South Melbourne immediately.\*\* Call (03) 9114 7700 while you are on the way so the team can prepare

**\*\*Important:\*\*** Knocked-out baby teeth are not replanted. If a child has knocked out a baby tooth, stop the bleeding, keep the child calm, and see the dentist to ensure the permanent tooth bud underneath has not been damaged.

### ### Dental Abscess

A dental abscess is a collection of pus caused by a bacterial infection. It can occur at the tip of the tooth root (periapical abscess), in the gums (periodontal abscess), or in the surrounding bone. Abscesses are serious and require urgent treatment.

**\*\*Signs of a dental abscess:\*\***

- Severe, persistent, throbbing toothache that may radiate to the jaw, ear, or neck
- Sensitivity to hot and cold temperatures
- Sensitivity to biting pressure
- Facial swelling — the cheek, jaw, or area around the eye may become visibly swollen
- Swollen, tender lymph nodes under the jaw or in the neck
- A foul taste in the mouth from draining pus
- Fever and general malaise

**\*\*What to do before your appointment:\*\***

- Call the practice immediately — abscesses do not resolve without treatment
- Take over-the-counter pain relief as directed
- Rinse gently with warm salt water (half a teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water) to help draw the infection toward the surface and provide temporary relief
- Do not apply heat packs to the outside of the face — this can worsen swelling

**\*\*When to go to hospital instead of the dentist:\*\***

- If you have difficulty breathing or swallowing — this may indicate the infection is spreading to the airway, which is a medical emergency
- If you have a high fever (above 38.5°C) with significant facial swelling
- If you cannot open your mouth (trismus)
- If the swelling is spreading rapidly — particularly into the floor of the mouth, the throat, or around the eye

In these situations, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department immediately. The Alfred Hospital and Royal Melbourne Hospital both have emergency departments equipped to manage severe dental infections requiring hospital-level intervention.

### ### Lost Filling or Crown

A filling or crown that falls out exposes the underlying tooth structure, which may be sensitive, weakened, or vulnerable to further damage. While not always acutely painful, a lost restoration should be addressed promptly.

**\*\*What to do before your appointment:\*\***

- If you still have the crown, keep it. Bring it to your appointment — in many cases, it can be re-cemented
- Avoid chewing on the affected side
- If the tooth is sensitive, temporary filling material is available from pharmacies. Dental wax or sugar-free chewing gum can also be used as a temporary covering
- Avoid very hot or cold food and drinks on the exposed tooth
- Do not attempt to glue a crown back in place with household adhesive

Core Dental South Melbourne is equipped with CAD/CAM technology, including CEREC, which means that in many cases a new crown can be designed, milled, and fitted in a single appointment — eliminating the need for a temporary crown and a second visit.

### ### Soft Tissue Injuries

Cuts, tears, or puncture wounds to the lips, tongue, cheeks, or gums can bleed significantly and may require professional assessment.

**\*\*What to do before your appointment:\*\***

- Rinse gently with warm salt water - Apply firm pressure with clean gauze or a damp cloth to control bleeding - If bleeding does not stop after fifteen to twenty minutes of sustained pressure, or if the wound is deep, attend the practice or an emergency department

### ### Orthodontic Emergencies

If you are undergoing orthodontic treatment — including Invisalign or fixed braces — and experience a broken bracket, protruding wire, or severe discomfort, contact the practice for advice. Many orthodontic emergencies can be managed with simple temporary measures until your next appointment, but some require prompt attention.

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## ## What Happens During an Emergency Dental Appointment

When you arrive at Core Dental South Melbourne for an emergency appointment, the team follows a structured approach to ensure nothing is missed and that you receive the right care as quickly as possible.

### ### Assessment and Diagnosis

Your dentist will take a focused history — what happened, when it started, how severe the pain is, and any relevant medical history. A clinical examination will assess the affected tooth and surrounding structures. Digital imaging — including digital X-rays — is available on-site and is used when needed to identify fractures, infections, or other pathology that is not visible during a clinical examination.

The goal of the initial assessment is threefold: establish the diagnosis, assess the severity, and determine whether the problem can be fully treated today or requires staged management.

### ### Pain Management

Pain relief is a priority. Depending on the situation, this may include:

- Local anaesthetic to eliminate pain during treatment - Prescription pain medication if over-the-counter options are insufficient - Antibiotics if an active infection is present — prescribed according to current Australian guidelines - Temporary dressings or sedative fillings to calm an inflamed nerve

### ### Definitive Treatment

In many cases, the emergency can be fully resolved in a single appointment. This might include:

- A filling to replace a lost restoration or treat decay - Re-cementation of a crown - Extraction of a tooth that cannot be saved - Drainage of an abscess - Splinting of a replanted or loosened tooth - A same-day CEREC crown for a tooth with significant structural damage

When the emergency requires more complex treatment — such as root canal therapy, a surgical extraction, or specialist care — the team will stabilise the situation, manage your pain, and arrange follow-up treatment at the earliest opportunity.

### ### Specialist Referral Access

As part of the Smile Solutions Group, Core Dental South Melbourne has direct referral pathways to specialists at the Collins Street Specialist Centre. If your emergency involves complications that require specialist management — such as complex surgical extractions, root canal treatment on difficult anatomy, or treatment of a jaw fracture — the referral process is seamless and prioritised.

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### ## The Emergency Dental Team at Core Dental South Melbourne

Emergency dental appointments at Core Dental South Melbourne are provided by the practice's experienced team of general dentists:

- **Dr Scott Krause** — with extensive experience across restorative dentistry and emergency care - **Dr Stephanie Sarkis** — experienced in managing acute dental presentations and anxious patients - **Dr Manisha Bhatt** — speaks English and Malay, providing accessible emergency care for South Melbourne's diverse community - **Dr Joy Wang** — speaks English and Mandarin Chinese, ensuring clear communication during stressful emergency situations - **Dr Tristan Balthazaar** — providing comprehensive emergency dental care across a broad scope of general dentistry

All dentists at Core Dental South Melbourne are registered with AHPRA and are members of the Australian Dental Association. The practice is equipped with digital imaging and CAD/CAM technology, allowing the team to diagnose and often resolve emergencies in a single visit.

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### ## Dental Emergencies in Children

Dental emergencies in children require a specific approach — not just clinically, but in terms of communication, reassurance, and parental guidance.

**Common dental emergencies in children include:**

- Knocked-out or loosened teeth from falls or playground injuries - Broken teeth from sporting impacts or accidents - Severe toothache from decay in baby teeth or newly erupted permanent teeth - Soft tissue injuries — cuts to the lips, tongue, or gums from falls - Objects stuck between teeth

**What parents should know:**

- **Baby teeth that are knocked out are not replanted.** However, the child should still be seen to ensure the developing permanent tooth underneath has not been damaged - **Permanent teeth that are knocked out should be replanted or stored in milk immediately** and the child brought to the practice within thirty minutes - **Stay calm.** Children take their cues from their parents. If you are calm, your child is more likely to be calm - **Bring any broken fragments.** These can sometimes be rebonded - **If your child has a sporting injury involving the teeth or jaw, and there is any concern about concussion, loss of consciousness, or a possible jaw fracture, go to the emergency department first.** Dental treatment can follow once the child has been medically cleared

The team at Core Dental South Melbourne is experienced in managing dental emergencies in children of all ages, with a gentle, patient approach that helps minimise anxiety during what can be a frightening experience.

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### ## Preventing Dental Emergencies

While not all dental emergencies can be prevented, many can be avoided or their severity reduced with proactive care.

#### ### Custom Mouthguards for Sport

A professionally fitted mouthguard is the single most effective way to prevent dental trauma during sport. Over-the-counter mouthguards offer limited protection compared to custom-fitted guards made from dental impressions, which provide a precise fit, better shock absorption, and greater comfort — meaning they are more likely to be worn consistently.

Core Dental South Melbourne provides custom-fitted mouthguards for adults and children participating in contact sports, team sports, or any activity with a risk of dental trauma. Given the proximity to Albert Park sporting facilities and the active sporting communities across South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, and Albert Park, this is one of the most practical preventive investments a family can make.

#### ### Regular Dental Check-ups

Many dental emergencies — particularly those caused by decay, failing restorations, or advancing gum disease — could have been identified and treated at an earlier, less urgent stage through routine check-ups. A cracked filling noticed at a routine appointment is a simple repair. A cracked filling ignored until it causes a fractured tooth and severe pain is an emergency.

Regular check-ups at Core Dental South Melbourne include a thorough examination, digital imaging when indicated, and a professional clean — all designed to identify and address problems before they escalate.

#### ### Addressing Problems Early

If you notice sensitivity, a rough edge, a discoloured area, or mild discomfort, do not wait until it becomes an emergency. Early intervention is almost always simpler, less invasive, and less expensive than emergency treatment.

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### ## Costs, Payment, and Health Fund Claims

#### ### Emergency Appointment Costs

The cost of an emergency dental appointment depends on the nature and complexity of the problem. A simple assessment and temporary filling will cost less than an emergency extraction or same-day crown. The team at Core Dental South Melbourne will explain any costs before treatment begins, so there are no surprises.

#### ### HICAPS On-Site

HICAPS facilities are available on-site, meaning you can claim your health fund rebate instantly at the time of your appointment. Simply bring your health fund card. Your out-of-pocket cost is the difference between the total fee and your fund's rebate — and you will know this amount before treatment proceeds.

#### ### Interest-Free Payment Plans

For emergency treatment that involves more significant costs — such as crowns, root canal therapy, or implant-supported restorations — interest-free payment plans are available through Payright, allowing you to spread the cost over time without incurring interest charges.

#### ### CDBS for Children

If your child requires emergency dental treatment and is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), covered services will be bulk billed at no out-of-pocket cost. The team can check your child's CDBS eligibility and remaining balance at the time of the appointment.

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## ## Getting to Core Dental South Melbourne in an Emergency

**\*\*Address:\*\*** 87 Market St, South Melbourne VIC 3205

**\*\*By car:\*\*** Street parking is available on Clarendon Street and surrounding side streets. Nearby public car parks service the South Melbourne Market area. If you are in pain or distress, have someone else drive if possible.

**\*\*By tram:\*\*** The practice is accessible via South Melbourne tram routes. Trams along Clarendon Street provide direct access from the CBD and surrounding inner-south suburbs.

**\*\*From surrounding suburbs:\*\*** Core Dental South Melbourne serves patients from across the inner south, including Albert Park, Middle Park, Port Melbourne, St Kilda West, and the broader South Melbourne community. In an emergency, the practice is typically reachable within minutes from any of these suburbs.

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## ## After-Hours Emergencies

Core Dental South Melbourne is open Monday to Friday 8 am – 6 pm and Saturday 8 am – 1:30 pm. The practice is closed on Sunday.

**\*\*If you have a dental emergency outside practice hours:\*\***

- **\*\*Call 13 13 16\*\*** for after-hours guidance and to arrange an appointment at the earliest available time  
- **\*\*For life-threatening emergencies — difficulty breathing, uncontrolled bleeding, severe facial swelling affecting the airway — call 000\*\*** or go directly to The Alfred Hospital Emergency Department or the Royal Melbourne Hospital Emergency Department - **\*\*Do not delay\*\*** if you suspect a spreading infection or airway compromise. These are medical emergencies that require hospital-level care

For non-life-threatening emergencies outside hours, manage your symptoms with over-the-counter pain relief, cold compresses for swelling, and call the practice first thing on the next business day.

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## ## Book an Emergency Appointment

If you are experiencing a dental emergency, call Core Dental South Melbourne now:

**\*\*Phone:\*\*** (03) 9114 7700 **\*\*National:\*\*** 13 13 16 **\*\*Email:\*\*** southmelbourne@coredental.com.au

**\*\*Address:\*\*** 87 Market St, South Melbourne VIC 3205

Same-day emergency appointments are available during practice hours. You do not need to be an existing patient. Call now — do not wait for the pain to worsen.