

Brush, Floss, Swish!

Did you know?

- When you are pregnant, problems like sore, bleeding gums are common, making oral hygiene even more important.
- It is important to continue brushing and flossing daily to keep gums and teeth clean and healthy and prevent cavities.
- When you are unable to brush you can “swish and swallow” with water after eating and drinking sugary beverages like juice and soda.



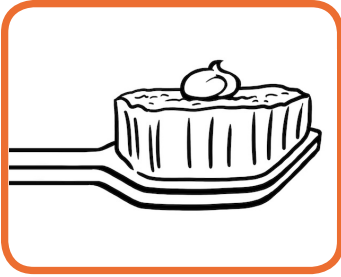
Take the Healthy Mouth Challenge!

I will:

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- Practice flossing.
- Floss daily.
- Get in the routine of swishing and swallowing when I can't brush!

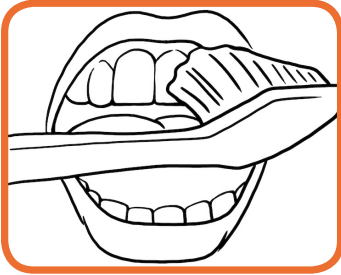


How To Brush



Use a soft bristle toothbrush and fluoridated toothpaste.

Use a **pea-sized** amount of toothpaste.



Hold your brush at an angle where the gum meets the tooth.

Food and germs like to stick there.



Move the toothbrush in small circles.

Count to 5 before moving the brush to another spot.



Remember the biting surfaces.

That is where the food gets stuck and germs hide.



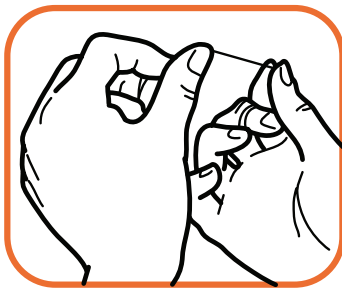
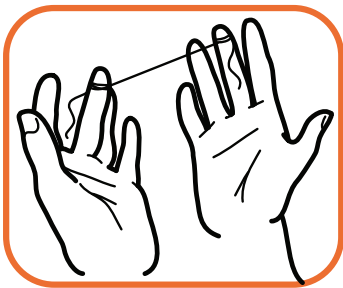
Brush the tongue.

Germs hide there.

Brush after breakfast and before bed.

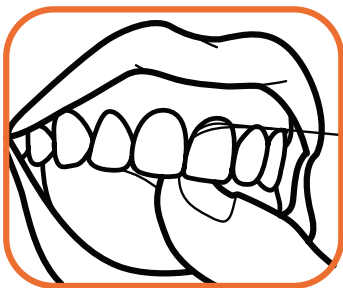


How To Floss



Wrap the floss around your middle or index fingers to get a firm grip.

Hold between your thumbs and fingers.



Gently slide the floss between two teeth. Then wrap the floss toward one tooth, hugging it as you gently slide it up, back, forth, and down.



Repeat this process on all teeth. Remember to hug that back tooth even though it is the last one in line.

Remember...

- ✓ Always use a clean piece of floss between teeth.
- ✓ Never snap or force floss as this may cut or bruise gum tissue.
- ✓ Children cannot floss by themselves, they need your help.
- ✓ Start flossing your child's teeth as soon as teeth touch.
- ✓ It will help your child learn good habits if they see you floss.



Toothbrushing and Flossing Chart

Color or check in the box when you brush in the morning and night and when you floss.

Week 1

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