





- Children become less fearful of the dentist when visits start at a younger age
- Children are at risk for cavities as soon their first tooth comes in
- Cavities grow much faster in baby teeth, but when caught early it's easier to fix
- You and your child can learn how to prevent cavities with the right types of food & proper oral care
- You can learn more about habits like thumb sucking and pacifiers





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# Infants & Toddlers

Here are some tips for healthy teeth

### Do:

- Brush And Floss Their Teeth Twice A Day Children usually need help until 7-8 years of age.
- Visit The Dentist Every 6 Months
   The more consistent the visits, the better the reports.
- Drink A lot Of Water
   This helps keep teeth healthy and strong. White milk and water are the best liquids for teeth.
- Use Fluoride
   Use fluoride toothpaste as soon as the first tooth comes in.

   Smear the size of a grain of rice for children under 3. Use a pea size amount for Children over 3.
- Snack On Xylitol Gum
   If children want something sweet, this should curb the cravings and it's good for teeth.

## Don't:

- Let your child fall asleep with a bottle or sippy cup
- Let your child sip on milk and juices throughout the day
- Let your child eat high sugar foods
- O Avoid:

## Starches:

chips dried cereal white bread goldfish crackers

#### Sweets:

candy cookies cupcakes chocolate gummy fruit snacks dried Fruit

### Hidden Sugars:

fruit yogurt ketchup granola bars pasta sauce honey bananas