

Let's Brush!

Did you know?

- You need to brush your child's teeth until they are eight years old.
- You can make toothbrushing fun and easy by taking turns with your child. First, let your child brush her own teeth. Then take the toothbrush and brush the sides and biting surfaces of every tooth in small circles.



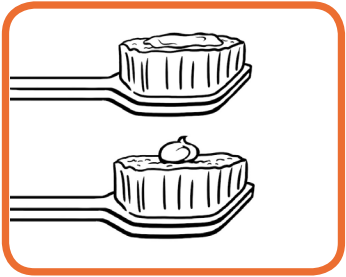
Take the Healthy Mouth Challenge!

I will:

- Brush our teeth together every day—after breakfast and before bedtime.
- Make toothbrushing fun by telling my child to open big and roar like a lion!
- Make sure the toothbrush is the last thing to touch my child's teeth before bed!

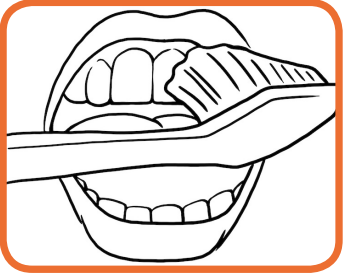


How To Brush



Use a soft bristle toothbrush and fluoridated toothpaste.

Use a smear of toothpaste from the first tooth up to age 3, a pea-sized amount after that.



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 your child's teeth (and yours!) twice a day—after breakfast and before bed.



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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