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Toothbrushing Tips for kids under 5









Tooth Brushing Tips

Under 18 months

- Start brushing as soon as the first teeth appear
- Brush morning and night
- Use a child sized soft toothbrush and no toothpaste



18 months and over

- Brush your child's teeth twice a day with a small pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste
- Brush morning and night
- Use a child sized soft toothbrush



- Children should spit out and not swallow the toothpaste
- Do <u>not</u> rinse after brushing

To make sure teeth are brushed properly:

You should <u>help</u> your children to brush their teeth until they are 8 years old.



How to brush

Outsides

Using <u>small</u> <u>circles</u> brush from one side of the (mouth to the other cleaning all teeth



Inside

Brush every tooth making sure you brush to <u>the gums</u>





Chewing surfaces

Gently scrub the surfaces of all the top and bottom teeth reaching back to the last tooth

Adapted from Queensland Health 'How to brush'