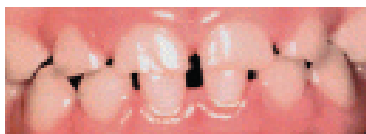
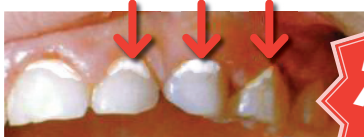


Look for early signs of tooth decay once a month

STAGE 1
Healthy Teeth



STAGE 2
Whitish lines along the gum line



**SEEK
DENTAL
ADVICE
NOW!**

STAGE 3
Brown or yellow spots that don't brush off





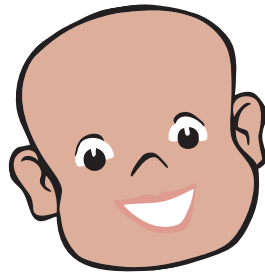
LIFT *the* LIP

Check your child's teeth



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Keep your child's teeth healthy



EAT WELL

- Breast milk is best for your baby
- Offer healthy food for meals and snacks from around 6 months of age

DRINK WELL

- Tap water (boiled until 12 months of age) is the best drink in-between meals and at bedtime
- Putting your baby to bed with a bottle can cause tooth decay

CLEAN WELL

- Keep your own teeth and gums clean and healthy
- Brush your baby's teeth twice a day with a soft small toothbrush and water. Use a pea-sized smear of low fluoride toothpaste from around 18 months of age

STAY WELL

- 'Lift the lip' to look for early signs of tooth decay
- Have your child's teeth checked by a health professional before their first birthday

**For more information ask your Dentist or Dental
Therapist, or your local Child and Family Health Nurse**