Eating disorders
Talking to your dentist

Seeking treatment for worn or damaged teeth
- Discuss your oral health concerns with your dentist. Remember, any discussions with your dentist are private and will remain confidential.
- Your dentist will need to look at your teeth to make a treatment plan. Examining your teeth may include a check-up, X-rays, photos and moulds of your teeth.
- If your teeth have been worn down, your dentist will discuss with you all available options to replace the missing tooth structure. Some damage may require specialist dental treatment. This may include a referral to a specialist.

After vomiting
- Do not brush your teeth straight away.
- The acid that has contacted your teeth may soften the surface of the teeth; brushing your teeth too soon can wear this surface away.
- Wait at least 60 minutes before brushing.
- Drink milk or water or rinse with a fluoride mouthwash to decrease the acidic mouth environment while waiting to brush.

Maintain good oral hygiene
- Brush twice daily with a soft toothbrush and using a higher fluoride toothpaste.
- Floss or use interdental brushes to clean between your teeth daily.

Stay well hydrated
- Consume water to stay hydrated, preferably tap water containing fluoride.
- Dehydration can cause a dry mouth, which means less saliva.
- Saliva helps to flush and cleanse the mouth, it acts to decrease the acidity of your mouth and provides calcium and phosphate, which help to strengthen teeth.

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- Your dentist can recommend additional dental products that may be used to care for your teeth.
- Follow your dentist’s instructions to protect your teeth during your recovery.

For more information
The National Eating Disorders Collaboration (NEDC) provides evidence-based information on the prevention and management of eating disorders, and information about recovery and support services within your state or territory.

www.nedc.com.au
For support
Call the Butterfly National Helpline 1800 33 46 73
Open 8 am – midnight AEST, seven days a week

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