

UHO'S TAKING THE WIN?



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SPOOKY SEASON IS UPON US, AND WHILE WE LOVE A GOOD COSTUME AND A FEW FESTIVE TREATS, WE AT CHARLTON ROAD DENTAL PRACTICE ARE GEARING UP FOR THE REAL HALLOWEEN SHOWDOWN: YOUR SMILE VS. THE SUGAR OVERLOAD.

LET'S FACE IT—HALLOWEEN IS ONE OF THE SWEETEST TIMES OF THE YEAR, AND NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE COSTUMES AND PUMPKIN CARVING. IT'S THE CANDY. EVERYWHERE. AND WHILE WE'RE NOT HERE TO BAN THE CHOCOLATE OR CRUSH YOUR CANDY CORN DREAMS, WE ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE YOUR TEETH COME OUT OF HALLOWEEN LOOKING AS DAZZLING AS EVER.



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WHEN YOU INDULGE IN SWEETS, THE SUGAR FEEDS BACTERIA IN YOUR MOUTH, WHICH THEN PRODUCE ACID THAT WEAKENS YOUR TOOTH ENAMEL. OVER TIME, THIS CAN LEAD TO:

TEETH

- CAVITIES
- TOOTH SENSITIVITY
- GUM INFLAMMATION

AND NO, BRUSHING HARDER DOESN'T CANCEL OUT FIVE FUN-SIZE CHOCOLATE BARS. 😉







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NOT ALL HALLOWEEN SWEETS ARE CREATED EQUAL. HERE'S HOW THEY RANK:

Tooth Trouble Level A

Sticky sweets (toffee, gummies)	High – They cling to teeth and hang around longer.
Hard candies (lollipops, jawbreakers)	Medium – Long-lasting contact with sugar = more damage
Sour candies	High – The acid + sugar combo is a double whammy.
Chocolate	Lower – Melts quickly and washes away more easily.



Type of Candy

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TEETH HEALTHY WITHOUT SKIPPING THE HALLOWEEN FUN:

TREAT WISELY: ENJOY SWEETS IN ONE SITTING

(PREFERABLY WITH A MEAL) INSTEAD OF SNACKING

THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SALIVA PRODUCTION INCREASES

- DURING MEALS, HELPING TO RINSE AWAY SUGARS.

 CHOOSE CHOCOLATE: SOFT CHOCOLATES ARE LESS LIKELY

 TO STICK TO TEETH THAN CHEWY OR HARD CANDIES.

 RINSE AND REPEAT: AFTER INDULGING, RINSE YOUR MOUTH
- REMEMBER TO BRUSH TWICE A DAY WITH FLUORIDE

 TOOTHPASTE!

 FLOSS LIKE A BOSS: THOSE SNEAKY SUGAR BITS LOVE

 HIDING BETWEEN TEETH. FLOSSING DAILY HELPS KEEP

 THEM FROM CAUSING TROUBLE.

WITH WATER TO WASH AWAY LINGERING SUGARS. AND



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STASH OR SAMPLING THE OFFICE SWEETS, KEEP YOUR SMILE IN MIND.

AND IF IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOUR LAST CHECK-UP, NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT. A POST-HALLOWEEN CLEAN-UP IS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SURE YOUR SMILE STAYS BRIGHT INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON.





& FROM ALL OF US AT CHARLTON ROAD DENTAL

PRACTICE ...

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE, AND SMILE-FRIENDLY

HALLOWEEN! WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE YOUR TEETH ARE

PROTECTED—NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS (AND CLEAN TEETH).



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