



CDA Position on **Prevention of Traumatic Oral Facial Injuries**

Dentists should inquire as part of the history if the patient is involved in any activity, organized or informal, that might result in oral/facial injury and counsel them and/or their parents/guardians regarding available oral/facial protection.

Depending on the activity involved, an intra-oral appliance, face/head protection, or both may be necessary for safety.

The Canadian Dental Association advocates that any organized activity develop a safety protocol to minimize the risk of oral/facial injury and enforce its use. The Canadian Dental Association is pleased to act as a resource for groups wanting to develop such safety protocols.

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