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Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital.

Our aim is to provide information that will help you understand
your child's injury and enable the appropriate after-care.

There are lots of useful injury leaflets to download at the Royal
Alexandra website; use the QR code below or follow the link:
theroyalalex.co.uk/clinical-services/aandel/



Useful numbers:

NHS 111 - 24hr advice line
Practice Plus (Brighton walk-in centre/GP service)
0333 321 0946
8am/8pm - 7 days a week



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Maxillofacial Surgery

Out-of-hours Information for parents, carers & relatives

What is Maxillofacial surgery?

Maxillofacial (Max-Facs) surgery is performed by a specialist team who repair many different kinds of face, mouth and jaw injuries, both in adults and children.

How do I contact the Max-Facs team?

If your child has injured their face and needs help outside of regular working hours (weekends, bank holidays & after 5pm Mon-Fri), a referral will be made by the clinician to the Max-Facs team at the hospital.

The clinician making the referral may ask to photograph your child's injury; this is so that the Max-Facs team has an accurate record when they receive the referral.

The referral is collected the following morning and you will receive a phone call from a member of the team with instructions telling you what to do next, for example, whether your child requires surgery, where to go and at what time.

Once the referral has been made and we have all the correct contact details you will be discharged home.

How will my child's injury be fixed?

Some injuries such as lip lacerations may need to be closed with stitches and this is done by the Max-Facs team. This may be done in the Children's Emergency Department.

If your child is very young, they may need surgery in the operating theatre under a general anaesthetic. Your child may be asked to come to the day-case unit on level 7 or to return to the Children's Emergency Department to see the Max-Facs team.

Will you fix the wound temporarily?

Due to the location of some injuries we do not use any temporary closure methods but this will not affect the healing of the wound or your child's recovery.

What if nobody calls me?

In the unlikely event of not receiving a follow-up call from Max-Facs, phone **01273 696955** and ask to speak to a member of the Max-Facs team.