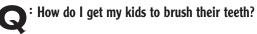


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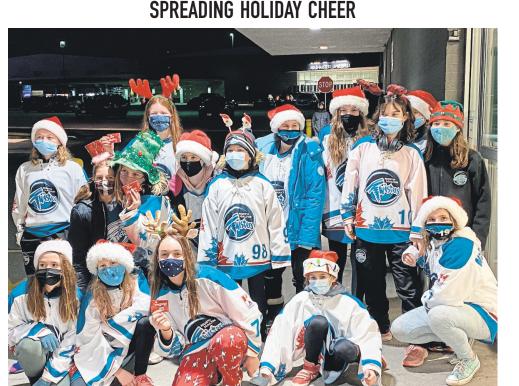
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: You know it's important for your child's health. As a parent, you want to do the right thing. When it comes to regular tooth brushing, though, it's become a struggle just to get your child to brush their teeth.

Some parents, unfortunately, give in and allow their children to neglect good oral hygiene. Don't make the mistake! Your children should be taught very early how to brush. This can be encouraged as a regular habit by using some of the flavored children's toothpastes now available. Try to reserve brushing for the same time each day so it comes to be an expected activity. If your child still resists, make a game of it. You may even wish to pretend to be a "dentist" for your child, in the process doing the needed brushing for them. Older children may respond to a reward system that you establish.

Perhaps most important, set a good example. Your daily brushing, flossing, and avoidance of sweets will do more to develop good dental habits that anything else.



Letitia McDougall photo

Twisters U13BB players surprised and delighted shoppers at the Food Basics plaza in Georgetown Dec. 14 by handing out gift cards. The random act of kindness was the initiative of the two team captains, with the rest of the team quickly jumping on board.

Driving under the influence: YOU HAVE EVERYTHING TO LOSE

4. Your job

criminal record.

complicate many facets of your life,

If your job requires you to operate

a vehicle (for example, if you're a

trucker, delivery person or taxi driver)

you may be forced to leave it. This

may also be the case if your employer

demands that you have a clean

from landing a job to travelling.

5 things you could lose as a result of impaired driving

Getting behind the wheel after consuming drugs or alcohol can have dire consequences. Here are five things you may lose as a result of this choice.

1. Your licence

One potential penalty for driving under the influence is that your licence may get revoked. In some regions, first-time offenders are prohibited from driving for a period ranging from several months to a vear.

2. Your money

In addition to getting fined for the infraction, you'll need to pay for a lawyer. You can also expect to spend more on car insurance for many years to come. Additional expenses may be involved too. Depending on the circumstances, you may have to settle up with a victim or pay into a compensation fund. You may also need to pay for a breath alcohol ignition interlock device.

3. Your clean criminal record

If you're found guilty of driving 5. Your life under the influence, you'll end up with a criminal record, which could

Impaired driving heightens your risk of being in an accident, and if you add poor road conditions to the equation, it could make matters worse. If you get into a car crash, you could be seriously injured or killed, or you could injure or kill your passengers or other road users.

If you plan to consume drugs or alcohol, make sure you have a safe way to get home. Call a taxi, hire an Uber or catch a ride with a friend.

