

There has been some false information circulating about fluoride.

This brochure will tell you the facts so you can keep your teeth strong. 😖



Water fluoridation reduces cavities by at least 25% in children and adults.



Community Water Fluoridation. cdc.gov/fluoridation/index.html



Fluoride is a chemical.

Fluoride is not an artificial chemical. It occurs naturally in rocks, rivers, lakes, and the sea.

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Fluoride toothpastes cause fluorosis.



Fluoride isn't safe for kids.

used as directed.

For more information about fluoride, visit acffglobal.org

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Stop Caries NOW for a **Cavity-Free Future** 



How to keep your smile healthy and strong

#### Why do we need fluoride?

### Because everyone is at risk for cavities.

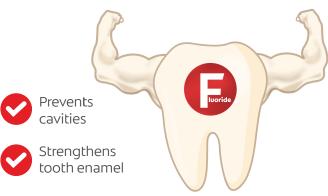
Sugar is in everything we eat, even healthy foods like fruits and vegetables...



...and the bacteria living on our teeth use this sugar to grow and produce acids that attack our teeth which can lead to cavities.



## Fluoride fights cavities and protects our teeth.



### Fact-based answers to frequently asked questions:

Is fluoride safe?

Yes, fluoride has been safely used in children and adults for more than 50 years.



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### Can my child use a fluoride toothpaste?

Yes absolutely.

Fluoride Toothpaste is recommended for all ages to fight cavities.

Children under 8 years of age should be supervised when brushing and directed to spit out toothpaste.



#### Should I use a fluoride-free toothpaste?

Fluoride toothpastes have the most evidence of fighting cavities in adults and children.



### Does fluoride prevent white spots in people with braces?

Yes.

Fluoride strengthens parts of the teeth surrounding braces, which keeps teeth the same colour when braces are removed.

