



SURVEY REVEALS THE GRIM TOOTH OF OUR CHOPPERS

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ALMOST two in five adults in Ireland have lost over three teeth, a new survey has revealed.

Some 61 per cent of Irish people over 30 have lost at least one adult tooth in their lifetime, and well over one-third (38 per cent) have lost more than three.

This can be explained by more than one in three Irish adults avoiding check-ups and only visiting dentists when they have a toothache, according to

the survey for Dublin dental practice, the **Seapoint Clinic**.

40 per cent of people who have lost more than three teeth admitted to visiting the dentist less than once a year.

"Ironically, not having regular check-ups is what can lead to painful, stressful dental treatment later in life," said Dr Thomas Linehan

of the **Seapoint Clinic** in Blackrock.



DECAY: Bad dental care