

Crowns/Bridges

Following the first appointment for a crown or bridge procedure, a temporary is usually placed on the tooth or teeth involved. This will protect and maintain the space while the custom restoration is made.

The use of temporary cement is for easy removal. If the temporary crown comes off between appointment, place toothpaste or Fixodent (denture adhesive) inside the temporary crown and place the temporary back on. Temporary crown cement may be purchased at your local drug store. Dry the tooth off as much as possible before placing temporary cementation.

Brush normal with temporary crowns. When flossing, remove the floss from the side of the tooth instead of lifting it upwards as this can pop the crown off.

Avoid sticky chewy foods on the temporary crown. This can pull the temporary crown off. Also avoid hard crunchy goods as this can break the temporary crown.

If the temporary breaks call the office as soon as possible so we can make a new one. It is important for the final fit of the crown that the temporary holds the space.

Permanent crowns usually take 10 business days. We will call you as soon as it comes in to the schedule the last appointment which usually takes up to 30 minutes. If it is longer than 2 weeks since you have heard from us, please contact our office. It is very important the temporary crown stays on and the permanent crown is placed within 2-3 weeks after the temporary is placed. The longer you wait, the more adjustments are needed on the final crown.

Crowns and bridges do not last forever. Like a new set of tires, they can wear and breakdown. Proper brushing and flossing is recommended to help you retain your final restoration. Having your teeth cleaned every 6 months and an exam and x-rays every year will help us prolong the life of your restorations.