

Temporary Crowns and Bridges

A **temporary** crown or bridge has been placed while a **final** crown or bridge is being made for you. The color of the temporary crown or bridge does not resemble the final crown or bridge in any way. The temporary crown or bridge, while custom made for every individual, does not have the exact shape and size of the final crown or bridge. Your temporary crown or bridge is made to protect the tooth while the final restoration is being fabricated at the lab. It also holds the space so the final crown or bridge will fit properly. You may notice sensitivity to heat, cold and sweets. This should go away when the final restoration is placed.

Here are some other things you need to know about your temporary crown or bridge:

1) The temporary cement requires about 30 minutes to set. *Please do not chew anything during that period of time or before the anesthetic has worn off.*

2) Certain foods will stick to the temporary crown or bridge. *So please refrain from chewing gum or other foods that might stick to the crown –or even pull it out.*

3) Temporary crowns and bridges are not strong. They may occasionally break or come off. If this should happen to you, please contact our office immediately, bring your crown or bridge with you and we will replace it. Should you be unable to contact us, simply go to a pharmacy and purchase Fixodent. Replace the temporary crown or bridge on your tooth using a small amount of Fixodent to hold it in place until you can contact us.

4) Please do not leave the temporary crown or bridge out of your mouth. *Without the temporary crown or bridge your teeth may move and then the final crown or bridge may not fit!*

5) Do not brush or floss too vigorously around your temporary crown or bridge. **Remember it is important to keep the area clean –but use caution and a gentle touch.**