



Temporary Crowns or Bridges

You have just received a temporary crown. This temporary crown is meant only to be a space maintainer and protection for your tooth while a permanent crown is being made for you.

Color, Shape, and Size: Plastic Temporary crowns are made for each patient, but they do not necessarily resemble the final crown, which is being custom made for you.

Tooth Sensitivity: Your temporary crown will help protect against sensitivity of the prepared tooth. However, it's inferior to the permanent crown, so you may still experience sensitivity to heat, cold, or sweets—sensations you won't feel when your specially made crown is in place.

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

1. The temporary cement requires about 30 minutes to set. Please do not chew anything during that time.
2. Certain food will stick to the temporary crown. Please refrain from chewing gum, candies, or foods that might stick to the crown and pull it out.
3. Temporary crowns are necessarily not as strong as permanent crowns and they may occasionally break or come off. If this should happen to you, please contact our office immediately, bring your crown with you, and we will replace it. Should you be unable to contact us, go to the grocery store and buy Fixodent (Denture adhesive). Replace the temporary crown on your tooth using the Fixodent to hold it in place until you can contact us.
4. Please do not leave the temporary crown out of your mouth. Without the temporary crown, your teeth may move and then the permanent crown may not fit! Your tooth may become infected without the temporary crown as well.
5. Do not brush or floss too vigorously around your temporary crown. Remember that it is important to keep the area clean—but use caution.
6. It is imperative that you return to our office at the appointed time for your permanent crown. Failure to do so may result in the need to re-prepare the tooth and re-make the crown at your cost.