

Temporary Crown

Temporary crowns are utilized for 2-3 weeks while your permanent crown is being made. A temporary cement has been used to keep the crown in place. The temporary protects your tooth and prevents adjacent teeth from shifting, so when the permanent crown returns from the dental lab it will fit beautifully.

Care

The temporary crown is fragile and will not be as strong as your permanent crown. You may carefully floss around it by pulling the floss down through the contact and then straight out. Do not floss up and down as this may dislodge the temporary.

Sensitivity

It is common for the temporized teeth to be sensitive to hot, cold, pressure and sweets. Much of this is due to the preparation process, decay being removed or leakage at the margins. A tooth that has had root canal treatment should not be sensitive. The bite on the temporary crown should also be checked at the office if you have excessive tenderness or pain.

Eating

Although the temporary crown should feel very comfortable, you may need to alter your eating habits. Please refrain from chewing gum or eating candies or foods that might stick to the crown or pull it off.

Bite

A balanced bite is very important. We checked it and made adjustments before you left our office; however, anesthetic can affect your bite. If your bite does not feel balanced once the anesthetic has worn off, please call us for an adjustment. High bites can lead to pain and sensitivity.

Dislodged or Loose

If your temporary crown comes off, please call the office at 338-2992 immediately to schedule an appointment. Do not leave the temporary crown out of your mouth. Without the temporary crown, your teeth may move or shift and your permanent crown might not fit. It is important to protect the remaining tooth structure until the permanent crown is placed. If you cannot arrange an appointment to have it replaced quickly, you may use Vaseline, Fixodent or Den Temp inside the crown to help it adhere to your tooth until you can be seen.