



Home Care Instructions for Temporary Crown

Your tooth has been prepared for a crown or an onlay. Your temporary is cemented with "temporary" cement so it will come off easily when we place your permanent restoration. We will make every effort to have your crown or onlay back from the lab within 3-4 weeks.

Your temporary must remain in place to prevent any possible movement of this prepared tooth. This will ensure that the permanent crown or onlay will fit properly. It is important that the temporary be left on only for a minimal amount of time (4-8 weeks) to maintain tissue health and avoid tooth movement. Please make sure to schedule your delivery as soon as our office calls to avoid having to have the procedure redone at possible additional expense.

Your tooth may experience some sensitivity to hot and cold as well as to pressure. Try to avoid extremes of hot and cold foods. Totally avoid sticky or hard foods like gum, ice, or tough meats that could pull off your temporary. Brush carefully and floss or irrigate as instructed.

In the event your temporary should come off:

1. Save it! If your temporary is for a crown and if we are not in the office, place some white Elmer's glue (it's non-toxic and easy to clean) into the crown and try to position it correctly on the tooth (until your bite feels good).
2. Call the office when the temporary comes off so that we may re cement it. The sooner it is recemented, the less chance there is of tooth movement.
3. Do not leave your temporary off for more than 1 day. This could cause your permanent crown or onlay not to fit properly due to excessive movement of the prepared tooth or adjacent teeth. In such a case, the whole procedure would have to be redone at possible additional expense.

If you have any questions regarding your temporary, please call the office anytime.