



After Crown & Bridge Care

- Crowns and bridges usually take two or three appointments to complete. In the first visit, the teeth are prepared, and molds of the mouth are taken. Temporary crowns or bridges are placed to protect the teeth while the custom restoration is being made. Since the teeth will be anesthetized, the tongue, lips, and roof of the mouth may be numb. Please refrain from eating and drinking hot beverages until the numbness is completely worn off.
- Occasionally a temporary crown may come off. Call us if this happens and bring the temporary crown with you so we can re-cement it. The temporary needs to stay in place, as it will prevent other teeth from moving and compromise the fit of your final restoration.
- To keep your temporaries in place, avoid eating sticky foods (gum), and hard foods, and if possible, chew on the opposite side of your mouth. It is important to brush normally, but floss carefully and don't pull up on the floss, which may dislodge the temporary but pull the floss out from the side of the temporary crown.
- It is normal to experience some temperature and pressure sensitivity after each appointment. The sensitivity should subside a few weeks after the placement of the final restoration. Mild pain medications may also be used as directed by our office.
- If your bite feels uneven, you have persistent pain, or you have any other questions or concerns, please call one of our dental offices in Westerville at 614-682-6213 or our Lewis Center office at 740-739-4240.