

## **TEMPORARY CROWNS AND BRIDGES**

You have had a temporary crown or bridge placed in your mouth. Temporaries are very important since they protect the teeth. If they come loose or are worn too long, decay can occur which can lead to pain, infection and tooth loss, which may cause the permanent restoration to not fit properly. If a temporary is lost or loose before the permanent crown or bridge is placed, additional work may be necessary to restore that tooth. This may result in an additional charge. Please call us if your temporary is lost or becomes loose to avoid further problems. If your temporary becomes loose and you cannot contact us immediately, you can use Fixodent (denture adhesive) to temporarily cement the temporary for up to a few days until you can contact the office.

Here are a few other comments and instructions that will be helpful to you while wearing temporaries:

- Because the temporary restoration is made of plastic and since we cemented it with temporary cement, avoid eating anything really hard, crunchy or chewy
- When the anesthetic wears off and it feels as though your teeth are not coming together properly, call our office; we may need to adjust the temporary slightly, which takes only a few minutes
- The temporary cement requires 30 minutes to fully set, so please avoid eating during this time
- You may find that certain foods stick to the temporary, please keep in mind that this will not be the case with the final restoration
- The size, shape and color of the plastic temporary does not resemble the final restoration in any way
- Temporaries may leak saliva or food underneath it, so sensitivity to hot, cold or sweet is not uncommon; this sensitivity will not be the case with your final restoration

One reason this crown was done was to restore a decayed tooth. Upon removing the decay, it was found that you have minimal, moderate or severe decay. Therefore, it is possible that you may experience some post-operative discomfort including temperature sensitivity or biting pressure. If you note spontaneous pain or swelling, please call us at once.

**Call us at 727-785-4716 if you have any questions or concerns!**