

# Care After Dental Fillings

After dental fillings as well as any other time teeth receive treatment it is possible for them to be a little more sensitive for a period of time. This is true for both silver (amalgam) and white (composite) fillings, even though we always coat the tooth with a desensitizing bonding agent before final placement of the dental filling.



Some people's teeth are just more sensitive than others are. At Chamberland Dentistry, P. C., our patients rarely have an issue with sensitivity due to the desensitizing bonding agent we apply.

If a tooth is sensitive to hot or cold after dental fillings have been placed, it may just need time to settle down, sometimes as long as 6 weeks. If it is sensitive to biting or chewing, we may need to check the filling to be sure it is not too high. Sometimes when your mouth is numb, it is difficult to determine if the bite is correct. If this is the case a return visit would be necessary but the adjustment procedure is typically minor and only takes a few moments.

As a regular treatment if dental sensitivity is a common issue with your teeth we encourage the use of a fluoride treatment such as [Colgate Gel-Kam](#) or other over the counter enhanced fluoride sensitive formula toothpaste specially designed for tooth sensitivity treatment.

If tooth sensitivity seems to be more so than with past treatments or goes beyond what would be considered a normal time frame we encourage you to contact us to let us know. Based on the situation we may be able to provide additional recommendations or may request a return visit based on the noted symptoms.

At Dental Care of Franklin we are always concerned with your care and comfort. Anytime you are concerned or have questions about a dental procedure you are encouraged to call and talk to Dr. White or any of the helpful staff we have.