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Breakage of Your Dental Work

Major dental treatment can return your teeth to a life-like appearance and make them work better.

However, dental reconstruction has more risks and maintenance than routine dental work. Often the need for extensive dental treatment was necessitated by previously weakened teeth, fewer teeth to withstand chewing pressures and/or a history of breaking natural teeth.

Metal crowns can increase the fracture resistance of weak teeth. Most esthetic porcelain crowns and bridges can reinforce a weakened tooth somewhat but still are not stronger than an un-restored natural tooth. Dental materials can break. Therefore it is important to keep crownwork in good adjustment, takes measures to reduce bruxism and avoid habits that overly stress teeth.

The treatment plan you develop with Dr. Warpeha is designed to moderate the risk. In the event of breakage, the design of the dental appliance has bearing on the repair potential. Breakage of a single tooth is sometimes repairable and other times may require redoing that particular unit. Additional procedures like root canal treatment or placing a dental implant are cost effective ways to add years to the serviceability of a good functioning dental reconstruction.

Dr. Warpeha suggests the use of a nightguard if patients continue night tooth grinding. Any unevenness of the bite or sensitive teeth should be promptly brought to our attention.