

partial dentures and bridges

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appearance,
restoring
healthy smiles



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All about bridges & dentures

Bridges and dentures can help if:

- You have a missing tooth or teeth
- You wish to improve the appearance of your smile
- You wish to improve your ability to bite and chew
- You're looking for a longer lasting solution to your dental needs

What exactly are bridges and dentures?

Bridges and dentures are quite different solutions to very similar problems. The choice between the two depends on the number of teeth missing, where they are in the mouth, and the condition of the remaining teeth. A bridge spans an area where teeth are missing, and is fixed to the natural teeth at either side of the gap. A denture is a removable plate or frame which holds artificial teeth.

Why choose a bridge or denture?

- When missing teeth aren't replaced, greater strain is placed on neighbouring teeth
- Your 'bite' could be affected by missing teeth, making eating or speaking more difficult
- Teeth either side of a gap sometimes lean in to each other which can badly affect the appearance of your smile or bite

Will it hurt?

Bridges are fitted under a local anaesthetic, and should feel no different from a filling.

Meanwhile, preparation for dentures can vary from patient to patient and there may be some discomfort if teeth need to be removed before fitting. However, the dentures themselves won't cause any pain.

Are bridges and dentures safe?

Most bridges are made from porcelain which is fused to metal or ceramic. These materials are used in most dental procedures – so they are considered perfectly safe and should have no effect on your health or wellbeing. In addition, our trained staff have years of experience installing bridges and the procedure is usually very straightforward.

Timeline: a typical customer journey

Bridges:

We'll assess your teeth to find out if you're suitable for a bridge.

If any treatments are required before fitting your bridge, we'll carry these out.

We'll take an impression of your tooth and send it to our laboratory.

We'll fit you with a temporary bridge.

We'll fit your permanent bridge – and, if you're happy with it, we'll secure it into place.

Dentures:

We'll make an impression of your remaining teeth and send it to our laboratory.

A replica of your denture will be placed in your mouth to check the fit and appearance.

Once the finished denture arrives, you'll attend a fitting session to check the size, shape and look of your denture.

If necessary, we'll make further appointments until you're completely happy with your new denture.

At mydentist, your dental health is our priority. Hopefully, we've answered your questions about bridges and dentures here, but please feel free to ask one of our qualified staff for more detailed information.

We're here to help.

Did you know?

A dental bridge is even secure enough for you to continue playing contact sports like football, as long as you wear a mouth guard.



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