

Risks of Crown & Bridge Removal

You have a bridge that is supported by 2 or more teeth, and the bridge is loose over 1 or more of the supporting teeth (abutments). Typically, the bridge will still be firmly cemented to the remaining abutment(s) that are not loose. There are several causes for a bridge abutment to become separated from the underlying prepared tooth:

- The cement bond may have deteriorated and washed out.
- The underlying tooth may have fractured off inside the supporting bridge.
- If the tooth has had a root canal and has had a post placed inside the supporting root, then the post may be loose.
- The root of the abutment tooth may be cracked.
- There may be decay beneath the loose abutment crown.

Sometimes the cement bond on the remaining teeth cannot be broken and the bridge cannot be tapped off. Dr. Bridger will recommend your alternatives in your particular case if the bridge cannot be successfully removed.

The objective of tapping off the failing bridge is to allow its' salvage and recementation to avoid having a new bridge. This procedure has risks to it. Even if the bridge cannot be removed there will still be a fee for the attempted removal.

Please understand that there are no guarantees to this procedure and that depending on what we find underneath the loose bridge, you may still require additional dental treatment to salvage the bridge.