

Cracked Tooth Syndrome

Sharp pain when eating that disappears after biting may be a symptom of a cracked tooth. Teeth that have large fillings, wear from grinding, clenching, missing tooth structure or trauma may develop fracture lines. Fracture lines may be visible to the naked eye but often times are not. Sometimes these fracture lines are hidden under a filling or between teeth and are not visible on an x-ray. Your dentist may test your teeth to locate which tooth is the source of discomfort. A tooth with a crack may hurt when biting because biting causes the crack to open sending a signal from the pulp of the tooth.

Depending on your symptoms, a cracked tooth may be treated with a restoration such as a filling or crown. Teeth with strong symptoms of temperature sensitivity will also be evaluated to rule-out the need for root canal treatment prior to restoration. Treatment for grinding or clenching may also be indicated.

Please ask a member of your ForwardDental team if you have any additional questions.