

HEADS UP Home

Concussion Danger Signs

In rare cases, a dangerous collection of blood (hematoma) may form on the brain after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that may squeeze the brain against the skull. Call 9-1-1 right away, or take your child or teen to the emergency department if he or she has one or more of the following danger signs after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body:

Dangerous Signs & Symptoms of a Concussion

- One pupil larger than the other.
- Drowsiness or inability to wake up.
- A headache that gets worse and does not go away.
- Slurred speech, weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination.
- Repeated vomiting or nausea, convulsions or seizures (shaking or twitching).
- Unusual behavior, increased confusion, restlessness, or agitation.
- Loss of consciousness (passed out/knocked out). Even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously.

Dangerous Signs & Symptoms of a Concussion for Toddlers and Infants

- Any of the signs and symptoms listed in the Danger Signs & Symptoms of a Concussion list.
- Will not stop crying and cannot be consoled.
- Will not nurse or eat.

HEADS UP Video: Concussion Danger Signs

Real Stories: Tracey's Story

Learn More about Concussions and Brain Injury





What Is A Concussion?



Concussion Signs and Symptoms



Responding to Concussion

https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/basics/concussion_danger_signs.html



Danger Signs



Severe Brain Injury



Recovery from Concussion



Returning to School



Returning to Sports



Brain Injury Safety and Prevention



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