

Tool to Identify a **Suspected Concussion**

This form must be completed by the responsible adult at the scene of the incident.

Person's Name:			
Date of Incident		Time	
Location of Incident:			
Name of the responsible adult monitoring	the student at the scene:		
Cause of Injury: Blow to the head	☐ Hit to the body	☐ Uncertain	
Describe the Incident:			

Stop the activity immediately to determine if this is a medical emergency

- A) Initiate the first steps of the Emergency Action Plan
 - Wear gloves if blood is present.
 - If a person cannot start a movement by themselves, do not move the body part for them.
 - Stay calm. Keep an even tone in your voice.
 - Instruct any bystanders not to approach the injured student.
- B) Identify if the student shows any of the **Red Flag** signs and symptoms below. (Check all that apply).

You see: Vomiting Seizure or convulsion Deteriorating conscious state Loss of consciousness The person complains of: Neck pain or tenderness Double vision Severe or increasing headache Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs

- c) If there is any **Red Flags** or other serious injury present:
 - Call 911
 - Stay with the injured student and monitor them until Emergency Medical Services arrives.
 - Inform the person's emergency contact of the situation and the steps that are being taken.
 - If the person is not fully conscious, suspect a cervical spine injury and do not move the person.
 - If applicable, do not remove the person's helmet wait for Emergency Medical Services to arrive.

Remove the person from the activity

If the injury does **NOT** require Emergency Medical Services, **remove the student from participating in the activity** and do not let them return to any activities that day. Proceed to Step 3 and 4 to complete this form.













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Identify the signs and symptoms

A) Look for the following signs and symptoms of a suspected concussion and check off any that apply.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A SUSPECTED CONCUSSION			
Possible Signs Observed A sign is something that is observed by another person (e.g. teacher, coach, supervisor, peer). Physical Slurred speech Poor coordination or balance Dazed, or vacant look Motionless on the ground or slow to get up Grabbing or clutching of the head Cognitive Difficulty concentrating Easily distracted General confusion Slowed reaction time (e.g. answering questions) Emotional/Behavioral Strange or inappropriate emotions (e.g. laughing, crying, easily angered) Other:	Possible Symptoms Reported A symptom is something that the person reports. Physical Headache Ringing in the ears Sensitivity to light or noise Seeing stars, flashing lights		
	☐ Fatigue or feeling tired ☐ Balance problems or dizziness ☐ Difficulty seeing or blurry / loss of vision ☐ Nausea ☐ Feeling off / not right Cognitive		
	☐ Difficulty concentrating or remembering ☐ Slowed down, fatigue or low energy ☐ Dazed or "in a fog" Emotional/Behavioral ☐ Irritable, sad, more emotional than usual ☐ Nervous or anxious Other:		

Ask these questions to test memory and check off if the response is correct or incorrect.

5 to 12 years old		Correct	Incorrect
Where are we now?			
Is it before or after lund	:h?		
What did you have last class?			
What is your teacher's	name?		

13 years old and over	Correct	Incorrect
What venue are you at today?		
Which half is it now?		
Who scored last in this game?		
What team did you play last game?		
Did your team win the last game?		

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Next steps

Suspect a concussion if **ONE** sign is observed or **ONE** symptom is reported or **ONE** Quick Memory Test Question is answered incorrectly.

Contact the parent or emergency contact to come and pick up the person. Continue to observe the person for signs and symptoms of a concussion. Ensure they are with a responsible adult at all times.

The person needs to be examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner as soon as possible if a concussion is suspected.

Continued surveillance at home

The person should be monitored during the first 24 to 48 hours after the injury as signs and symptoms may appear hours or days later. If signs and/or symptoms appear, the person should be examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner as soon as possible.

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