

Tool to Identify a **Suspected Concussion**

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

Student 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 student 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).

RED FLAGS You see: The student complains of: Seizure. 'fits'. or convulsion Increased confusion or Neck pain or tenderness Loss of consciousness deteriorating conscious Loss of vision or double vision Visible deformity of the skull state (becoming less Severe or increasing headache ☐ Weakness or numbness/tingling in Increasingly restless, agitated, responsive, drowsy) or combative more than one arm or leq

- 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 parent of the situation and the steps that are being taken.
 - If the student is not fully conscious, suspect a cervical spine injury and do not move the student.
 - If applicable, do not remove the student's helmet wait for Emergency Medical Services to arrive.

Remove the student 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).	Possible Symptoms Reported A symptom is something that the student reports.				
Physical	Physical Headache or "Pressure in head" Sensitivity to light or noise Fatigue or low energy Balance problems or dizziness Nausea or vomiting Feeling off / not right Cognitive Difficulty concentrating or remembering Feeling slowed down Feeling like "in a fog" Emotional More emotional More lrritable Sadness Nervous or anxious				

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

Sample Quick Memory Test Questions	Correct	Incorrect
What room are we in right now?		
What field are we playing on today?		
Is it before or after lunch?		
What is the name of your teacher/coach?		
Which school do you go to?		

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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 student. Continue to observe the student for signs and symptoms of a concussion. Ensure they are with a responsible adult **at all times**.

The parent/emergency contact should have the student examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner as soon as possible if a concussion is suspected.

Continued surveillance undertaken by the parent/guardian

The student 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 student should be examined by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner as soon as possible.

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