

CIF Acute Concussion Notification Form for Parents/Guardians

- Your child has symptoms consistent with a concussion.
At the time of evaluation, there was no sign of any serious complications.
- He/she will need monitoring for a further period by a responsible adult, and should not be left alone over the next 12-24 hours.

Call 911 and go to the nearest Hospital Emergency Department for the following:	
<input type="radio"/> Headache that worsens	<input type="radio"/> Can't recognize people or places
<input type="radio"/> Seizure (uncontrolled jerking of arms/legs)	<input type="radio"/> Looks very drowsy/Can't be awakened
<input type="radio"/> Weakness or numbness of arms/legs	<input type="radio"/> Increased confusion and/or irritability
<input type="radio"/> Repeated vomiting	<input type="radio"/> Unusual behavior
<input type="radio"/> Loss of consciousness	<input type="radio"/> Slurred speech
<input type="radio"/> Lack of balance/unsteadiness on feet	<input type="radio"/> Drainage of blood/fluid from ears or nose
<input type="radio"/> Changes in vision (double, blurry vision)	<input type="radio"/> Loss of bowel and/or bladder control

Recommendations:

- AVOID medications like ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) or aspirin for the next 48 hours due to the potential of increased bleeding risk in the brain.
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) can be tried but often won't take away a concussion headache. DO NOT give narcotic pain medication like codeine.
- Check for normal breathing every few hours while sleeping but DO NOT wake your child up unless you are concerned. If he/she can't be aroused, call 911 immediately.
- Make an appointment to see a physician within 72 hours. Inform your child's teachers about the injury. Keep your child out of school if symptoms are severe or worsened by reading or studying.
- Track your child's symptoms using the **CIF Graded Concussion Symptom Checklist** (Find this on cifstate.org). Bring these checklists to your physician.
- No activities like afterschool sports and PE, and no physical exertion until your child is evaluated and cleared by a physician (MD/DO) trained in the diagnosis and management of concussions.
- Refer to the **CIF Return-to-Learn** and **CIF Return-to-Play** protocols on cifstate.org.