

HEAD INJURY PROTOCOL

Head injuries may be more severe than they initially appear. **Dial "911" immediately and do not move the student if the student falls from a structure and hits their head, if there is a significant laceration as a result of the student striking their head on something, or if there has been a significant blow to the head which results in the victim losing consciousness. Assume that there is damage to the spine and do not move unless absolutely necessary. If there is any doubt at all about the severity of the injury, CALL 9-1-1. The paramedics will not charge for responding unless they transport. Do not worry about the cost for transport if the paramedics determine that the injury is severe enough for transport.**

You might see:

1. Unconsciousness
2. Difficulty with breathing.
3. Vomiting.
4. Convulsions.
5. Fluid or blood draining from the nose, ears or mouth.
6. Paralysis of any part of the body.
7. Soiled or wet pants.
8. Unequally sized pupils.
9. Skull deformities.
10. Laceration

Possible student responses:

1. May complain of headache
2. May complain of dizziness.
3. May complain of nausea
4. May be disoriented

You do:

1. **Dial "911" for emergency medical assistance.**
2. Keep victim lying down. Try not to move the neck or head, especially if the victim complains of paralysis. **DO NOT MOVE UNLESS THE VICTIMS LOCATION IS LIFE THREATENING.**
4. Notify the school's first responder immediately.
3. Note the amount of time the victim is unconscious.
4. Notify family.
5. Notify the District Safety Officer.
6. **If the child has been escorted to the health room, do not leave the child unattended.**