

New Philadelphia City Schools

HEAD INJURY
Important Points for Family Observation

Date _____

TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF _____ :

Today while at school, the following incident occurred:

Nature of Injury:

Treatment given:

Due to the inconsistent nature of head injuries, children who have received even what is seemingly a slight bump on the head should be closely observed for at least 24 hours after the incident occurs. Many times symptoms indicating a head injury do not occur for several hours or until the following day. The severity of the blow to the head does not always determine whether a particular child will or will not sustain a head injury.

Please observe your child for the following symptoms:

1. Severe headache.
2. Nausea and/or vomiting.
3. Double vision, blurred vision or pupils of different sizes.
4. Loss of muscle coordination, such as falling down, walking strangely or staggering.
5. Any unusual behavior such as being confused, breathing irregularly or dizziness.
6. Convulsion.
7. Bleeding or discharge from an ear.
8. Mental confusion or disorientation, can the child remember his/her name, address, age?
Does s/he know where s/he is?

Should any of the above symptoms develop, you should consult your physician or emergency room consulting nurse immediately.

Name

Title