

Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion

Students who experience **one or more** of the signs and symptoms listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body should be referred to a health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion.

SIGNS OBSERVED BY SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about events
- Answers questions slowly
- Repeats questions
- Can't recall events *prior* to hit, bump, or fall
- Can't recall events *after* hit, bump, or fall
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Forgets class schedule or assignments

SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY THE STUDENT

Thinking/Remembering:

- Difficulty thinking clearly
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering
- Feeling more slowed down
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy

Physical:

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Fatigue or feeling tired
- Blurry or double vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Numbness or tingling
- Does not "feel right"

Emotional:

- Irritable
- Sad
- More emotional than usual
- Nervous

Sleep*:

- Drowsy
- Sleeps *less* than usual
- Sleeps *more* than usual
- Has trouble falling asleep

**Only ask about sleep symptoms if the injury occurred on a prior day.*

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THE FACTS:

- * All concussions are serious.
- * Most concussions occur without loss of consciousness.
- * Recognition and proper response to concussions when they first occur can help aid recovery and prevent further injury, or even death.

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* For more information and to order additional materials **FREE-OF-CHARGE**, visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.



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