

CONCUSSION

In Sports



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SAFE BRAIN. STRONGER FUTURE.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Athletes who experience one or more of the signs or symptoms listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body may have a concussion.

SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes

have a concussion.

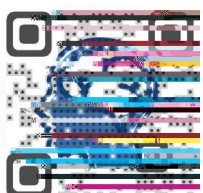
2. **Keep an athlete with a possible concussion out of play on the same day of the injury and until cleared by a healthcare provider.** Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Only a healthcare provider should assess an athlete for a possible concussion.
3. **Record and share information about the injury**, such as how it happened and the athlete's symptoms, to help a healthcare provider assess the athlete.
4. **Inform the athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s)** about the possible concussion and refer them to CDC's website for concussion information.
5. **Ask for written instructions from the athlete's healthcare provider** about the steps you should take to help the athlete safely return to play. Before returning to play an athlete should:

Be back to doing their regular activities (such as school).

Not have any symptoms from the injury when doing regular activities.

Have the green-light from their healthcare provider to begin the return to play process.

IT'S BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN THE WHOLE SEASON.



For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP

You can also download the CDC HEADS UP app to get concussion info. You can also visit www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP for more information. CDC HEADS UP app is available on the App Store and Google Play. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP.