

Accidents and Traumatic Brain Injury

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If you've ever suffered from head trauma, whether caused by violence, a fall, sports injuries, or a vehicular accident, you may have some form of brain injury. Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a serious disorder that can have long-term repercussions.

If you have undergone head trauma and are experiencing any of the following symptoms, you should speak to your healthcare provider and a personal injury attorney immediately:

- Headaches
- Memory loss
- Cognitive confusion
- Blackouts
- Numbness or tingling in extremities
- Disturbances of senses, like smell, sight, hearing
- Ringing in the ears
- Impaired speech
- Seizures
- Chronic neck or back pain
- Emotional distress

- Impaired motor skills (muscle strength, gait issues, stumbling)

The traditional classification of traumatic brain injury usually involves having been unconscious for more than 20 minutes. Depending on the timeframe of the loss of consciousness, a moderate to severe rating is given using a coma scale, which is a standard test that practitioners use to determine the level of damage to the individual's vision, verbal and motor responses.

Persons involved in automobile accidents may have hit their head on the steering wheel. When the head hits an object, it comes to a direct stop, but your brain continues momentum and strikes against your skull. When your brain bluntly hits against the skull bones, it most likely will be bruised or possibly produce bleeding disorders.

In any brain injury accident scenario, you can think of your head and brain as a raw egg. If the egg is thrown into a wall, the shell hits, and fractures, while the raw egg inside sloshes forward causing significant damage. If your brain injury is caused by a vehicular accident, some laws need to be reviewed about the vehicle's crashworthiness, which tests its crash capabilities for safety. If you were involved in any act of violence, sports injury, or any other trauma to the head that took place, there are also specific laws to coincide with each of the related traumatic experiences.

An MRI or CT scan should have been performed on you after your trauma to detail the initial specific amount of damage your brain endured. More medical testing may be needed to evaluate your overall condition.

Essential Steps to Take

- Get medical attention
- Speak to a Personal Injury Attorney
- Keep a record of your injuries
- Write down and date any new symptoms (radiating pain, sleep disturbances, hearing loss)
- Update your physician in writing with every new symptom that you endure

Remember to consult a personal injury attorney if you are involved in an auto accident or a slip and fall accident in South Florida. With your own personal protection held in the highest regard, a personal injury attorney can provide legal protection and get you the money you need to pay for the damages that result from your injury.

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