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Traumatic Brain Injury

What is Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) ?

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a **major** cause of **death** and **disability** in the US. **TBI** can be caused by a **bump** or **jolt** to the **head** or a **penetrating** injury.



Categories of TBI

TBI are placed into three categories: **mild**, **moderate**, and **severe**. If you suspect your child might have a **TBI** or experienced a recent injury involving their head you should see a medical professional. Most people who experience **TBIs** can recover safely at home; however, some require additional care to prevent long term injury. **TBIs** during childhood can disrupt a child's **development** and can limit their **ability to participate in activities**.



Federal Definition of TBI

Traumatic brain injury means an acquired injury to the brain caused by an **external physical force**, resulting in **total** or **partial functional disability**, **psychosocial impairment**, or both, that adversely affects a child's **educational performance**. **Traumatic brain injury** applies to **open** or **closed** head injuries resulting in impairments in **one** or **more** areas, such as: **cognition**, **language**, **memory**, **attention**, **reasoning**, **abstract thinking**, **judgment**, **problem-solving**, **sensory**, **perceptual**, and **motor abilities**, **psychosocial behavior**, **physical functions**, **information processing**, and **speech**. **Traumatic brain injury** does **not** apply to brain injuries that are **congenital** or **degenerative**, or to brain injuries induced by **birth trauma**.



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