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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

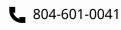
Traumatic brain injury means an acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability, psychosocial **impairment**, or both, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. Traumatic brain injury applies to **open** or **closed** 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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