

Concussion Signs and Symptoms

Please Note: If any one or more sign(s) and/or symptom(s) are present, a concussion should be suspected but the full check should be completed (including the Quick Memory Function Check) to provide comprehensive information to parent/guardian and medical doctor/nurse practitioner.

Red Flag Sign(s) and Symptom(s)

- Deteriorating conscious state
- Double vision
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative
- Loss of consciousness
- Neck pain or tenderness
- Seizure or convulsion
- Severe or increasing headache
- Vomiting
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs

Other Concussion Signs

- Balance, gait difficulties, motor incoordination, stumbling, slow laboured movements
- Blank or vacant look
- Disorientation or confusion, or an inability to respond appropriately to questions
- Facial injury after head trauma

- Lying motionless on the playing surface (no loss of consciousness)
- Slow to get up after a direct or indirect hit to the head

Other Concussion Symptoms

- “Don’t feel right”
- “Pressure in head”
- Balance problems
- Blurred vision
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty remembering
- Dizziness
- Drowsiness
- Fatigue or low energy
- Feeling like “in a fog”
- Feeling slowed down
- Headache
- More emotional
- More irritable
- Nausea
- Nervous or anxious
- Sadness
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise