Head Injuries in Utah Schools

2019 Fact Sheet



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students suffer a concussion each day at school.

Students



61%

of concussions happen among male students.



37%

happened during lunch recess or PE class.



Over half

of A concussions were reported in September & October, the beginning of the

Schools



80%

of schools have required training about concussions for their staff.



66%

of Utah schools require coaches or trainers to recieve concussion materials.

HB204

- 1. All organized amateur sports must have a concussion policy signed by and given to parents.
- 2. If a concussion is suspected, the child can't play or return until cleared by a medical professional.

Recognize a Concussion

The injured student may:

- Appear dazed or stunned
- Seem confused
- Lose memory of just before or after the injury
- Have balance, coordination & gait problems
- Show a change in personality
- Respond slowly to questions
- Lose consciousness for any length of time

The injured student may experience:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Double vision, blurry vison
- Sensitivity to light and noise
- Feeling "sluggish" & "foggy"
- Poor recall and concentration

References

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