

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI)

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), an acquired brain injury, occurs when a sudden trauma causes damage to the brain. A TBI can result when the head suddenly and violently hits an object, or when an object pierces the skull and enters brain tissue.

Symptoms of a TBI can be mild, moderate, or severe, depending on the extent of the damage to the brain. A person with a mild TBI may remain conscious or may lose consciousness for a few seconds or minutes. Other symptoms of mild TBI include:

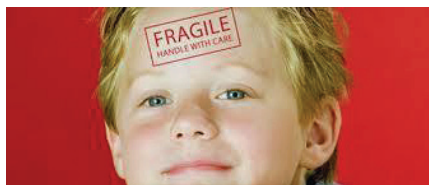
- Headache and confusion
- Lightheadedness and dizziness
- Blurred vision or tired eyes
- Ringing in the ears
- Change in sleep patterns
- Behavioral or mood changes
- Cognition changes

A person with a moderate or severe TBI may show the above symptoms, but may also have:

- Headache that gets worse
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Inability to awaken from sleep
- Slurred speech
- Weakness or numbness
- Loss of coordination
- Increased confusion or agitation

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The following list is an example of equipment and supplies a person might need after a traumatic brain injury.



For local support resources, contact

www.biausa.org

Medical Supplies

Youth/Adult Briefs
Wound Care
Tracheostomy Tubes & Supplies
Enteral & Supplemental Nutrition
Nurse Consultations

Mobility Equipment

Scooters, Walkers & Rollators
Canes & Crutches
Standard & Complex:
Manual or Power Wheelchairs
Assistive Technology Professionals (ATPs)

Home Accessibility

Stair Lifts
Vertical Platform Lifts
Portable & Modular Ramp Systems
Certified Environmental Access Consultant
(C.E.A.C)

Bathroom Aids

Shower Chairs
Bedside Comodes
Grab Bars

Pharmacy

Prescription Medications
Unit Dose Medications
Pharmacist Consultations

Ventilator Program

Trilogy 100 Ventilator
Ventilator Supplies
Cough Assist
Respiratory Therapist

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