

Head Injury (Child)

Paediatrics Department



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Head Injuries and Symptoms

Minor head injuries and knocks to the head are common, particularly in children. If your child has not been unconscious or vomiting, and is behaving normally they will be discharged from the Emergency Department.

Worrying signs after discharge include:

- any episodes of collapse or fits (collapse with shaking of arms and / or legs)
- unconsciousness, unusual or persistent sleepiness when your child would usually be wide awake
- any unusual confusion or problems with understanding you or speaking to you
- crying in a continual and irritable way which cannot be settled
- any unsteadiness when standing or walking, or unusual weakness
- very painful headache, or a headache that won't go away after giving a painkiller (such as children's paracetamol or ibuprofen)
- persistent vomiting, not related to any intercurrent illness (vomiting a few times soon after a head injury is very common and less serious)
- new bleeding or persistent leak of fluid from nose or ears
- new bruises appearing or spreading, especially around the eyes or ears
- any new problems with their eyesight or hearing

If you feel concerned about any of these symptoms after your child is discharged, you should take your child to see a doctor.

When you go home

Your child may want to rest for a few hours after a minor head injury, but they should be treated as normal, and allowed to eat and play as they usually would

Further Information

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For reassurance and advice please contact NHS Direct on: **111**

The following website gives useful advice about a head injury:
www.nhsdirect.co.uk

Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty.

If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net. If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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