

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS*

These signs and symptoms may indicate that a concussion has occurred.

Signs Observed by Coaching Staff	Symptoms Reported by Athlete
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache
Is confused about assignment	Nausea
Forgets plays	Balance problems or dizziness
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Double or fuzzy vision
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to light or noise
Answers questions slowly	Feeling sluggish
Shows behavior or personality changes	Feeling foggy or groggy
Can't recall events prior to hit	Concentration or memory problems
Can't recall events after hit	Confusion

*Adapted from: Lovell MR, Collins MW, Iverson GL, Johnston KM, Bradley JP. Grade 1 or "ding" concussions in high school athletes. *The American Journal of Sports Medicine* 2004;32(1):47-54

ACTION PLAN

If you suspect that a player has a concussion, you should take the following steps:

- 1.** Remove athlete from play.
- 2.** Ensure athlete is evaluated by an appropriate health care professional. Do not try to judge the seriousness of the injury yourself.
- 3.** Inform athlete's parents or guardians about the known or possible concussion and give them the fact sheet on concussion.
- 4.** Allow athlete to return to play only with permission from an appropriate health care professional.

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