

CADV UPDATE

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TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the function of the brain. This includes

- being pushed against a wall or other solid surface
- Strenuous shaking of the body
- Falling or hitting the head
- Being strangled
- Near drowning
- Being shot in the face or the head

Persons with TBI may experience long term consequences of brain injury that may be left untreated or missed diagnosed.

1.4 million people sustain a TBI each year in the U.S.

- 50,000 die

- 231,000 are hospitalized
- 1.1 million are treated and released from an emergency department

Of all disabilities, TBI ranks 3rd yet only 1 in 3 Americans are aware of this injury.

Research has shown that greater than 90% of all injuries next to domestic violence occur to the head, neck or face region. A study of 99 battered woman 75% sustained at least one partner related brain injury and 50% sustained multiple partner related injuries.

The consequences of a brain injury are

- Physical mobility, i.e., paralysis, seizures, headaches, dizziness, decreased stamina, balance problems
- Cognitive impairments, i.e., thinking, reasoning, remembering, attention span

- Good judgment
- Organizational skills
- Sensory, vision, loss of taste, smell, sensitivity to noise and bright lights
- Social behaviors—loss of interest, inability to get along
- Personality changes—sadness, irritability

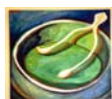
Health care workers can screen victims for TBI. If you are injured in the head seek medical attention immediately to help reduce long term effects.

If you are a victim of domestic violence and need help escaping from a violent situation, please contact CADV for help and confidential services.



Wish List

- Old cell phones
- Used running vehicles with clear titles
- Three child stroller
- Canned soup
- Blender
- Thank You Cards (6.5LX4.75W)
- Cork board
- Free child care
- Volunteers!



CADV needs people to answer the phone. If you are a patient and caring person who likes to give a helping hand to members of our community then this is a perfect opportunity for you. We have a lot of different days and times available and can work with your schedule. For more information call Megan at 735-6524

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