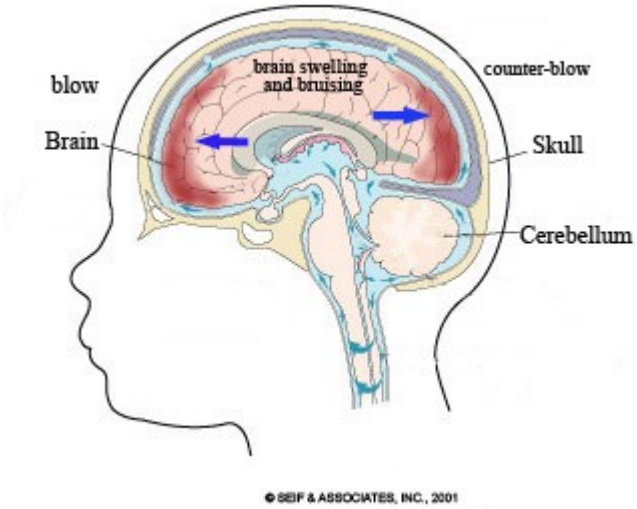
Head Injuries, Child

A head injury is caused by your child hitting his or her head. A head injury may cause sleepiness, headache, throwing up (*vomiting*), and problems seeing. If the head injury is really bad, your child may need to stay in the hospital.



HOME CARE

- Watch to see if your child is getting too sleepy, has headaches, is throwing up, or is not making sense when talking.
- Only give your child medicine as told by your doctor.
- Your child can go back to school or play sports only if his or her doctor says it is okay.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- Your child is not making sense when he or she talks.
- Your child is sleepier than normal or passes out (*faints*).
- Your child throws up (*vomits*) many times.
- Your child is dizzy or has trouble walking.
- Your child has problems seeing.
- Your child has jerking movements (*fits* or *seizures*).
- Your child has a lot of bad headaches that are not helped by medicine.
- Your child has trouble using his or her legs.
- Your child has clear or bloody discharge coming from his or her nose or ears.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch this condition.
- Will get help right away if your child is not doing well or gets worse.

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