Denver Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) FAQ

Understanding your rights and options after a brain injury in Colorado.

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Q: What exactly is considered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in Colorado?

A: In Colorado, a TBI is any disruption to normal brain function caused by an external force. This can include concussions, contusions, diffuse axonal injuries, and penetrating injuries.

Q: What kind of events can cause a TBI?

A: TBIs can result from a direct blow to the head, rapid acceleration or deceleration (common in car crashes), or violent shaking.

Q: Do I need a specific diagnosis or imaging to prove a TBI?

A: No, Colorado law does not require a specific diagnosis or imaging result. The key is whether the accident caused a change in brain function.

Q: How is a TBI proven if not by imaging?

A: Proof relies on documenting symptoms that indicate a change in brain function. These can include confusion, memory loss, headaches, dizziness, or cognitive difficulties.

Q: Does a 'mild' TBI still count legally?

A: Yes, even a so-called mild traumatic brain injury qualifies as a TBI if it produces real and measurable harm.

Q: What are some common symptoms of a TBI?

A: Common symptoms include confusion, memory loss, persistent headaches, dizziness, and difficulties with cognitive functions.

Q: Can a TBI happen without a direct blow to the head?

A: Yes, TBIs can occur from rapid acceleration/deceleration forces, such as those experienced in a car accident, or from violent shaking of the head.

Q: What external forces can cause a TBI?

A: External forces that disrupt normal brain function are considered causes of TBI. This includes impacts, sudden movements, or shaking.

Q: What legal standard is used to determine if an injury is a TBI in Colorado?

A: The legal standard focuses on whether an external force caused a disruption to normal brain function, evidenced by documented changes in symptoms and cognitive abilities.

Q: Are concussions considered TBIs under Colorado law?

A: Yes, concussions are explicitly listed as a type of traumatic brain injury that can occur due to an external force disrupting normal brain function.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

- Understanding Traumatic Brain Injuries in Colorado (Workbook)

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- Traumatic Brain Injury Checklist

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