

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) FAQ

Understanding your rights after a brain injury in Colorado Springs.

Based on Traumatic Brain Injuries by McCormick and Murphy

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

A: A TBI is any disruption to normal brain function caused by an external force. This can include a blow to the head, a violent jolt, or rapid acceleration and deceleration. TBIs range from mild concussions to severe brain damage.

Q: What qualifies as a TBI legally in Colorado?

A: In Colorado, a TBI legally qualifies if it was caused by someone else's negligence or wrongful act. The injury must also result in medical expenses, lost income, pain, or long-term impairment.

Q: Do I have to lose consciousness to have a TBI claim?

A: No, you do not need to lose consciousness or have a visible wound for your injury to qualify as a TBI claim. If your brain function has been affected and another party is at fault, you may have a valid claim.

Q: What are some common causes of TBIs?

A: Common causes of TBIs include blows to the head, violent jolts, and rapid acceleration or deceleration of the head. These can occur in various accidents.

Q: Can a mild brain injury lead to a legal claim?

A: Yes, even mild TBIs like concussions can qualify for a legal claim if they were caused by someone else's negligence and resulted in damages such as medical expenses or lost income.

Q: What if my TBI wasn't immediately obvious?

A: The article states that you don't need a visible wound for your injury to qualify. If your brain function has been affected and another party is at fault, you may have a valid claim, even if the effects weren't immediately apparent.

Q: Who is considered at fault for a TBI?

A: Fault for a TBI typically lies with another party whose negligence or wrongful act caused the injury. This could be an individual or an entity responsible for the accident.

Q: What kind of damages can I seek for a TBI?

A: If you have a valid TBI claim, you may be able to seek compensation for medical expenses, lost income, pain, and long-term impairment resulting from the injury.

Q: How does an external force cause a TBI?

A: An external force can cause a TBI by directly impacting the head, causing a violent jolt to the brain, or through rapid acceleration and deceleration of the head, which can damage brain tissue.

Q: What is the difference between a concussion and a severe TBI?

A: A concussion is considered a mild TBI, while a severe TBI involves more significant brain damage. Both are caused by external forces disrupting normal brain function.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

■ Traumatic Brain Injury Claims in Colorado Springs (Comparison)

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■ Navigating a Traumatic Brain Injury Claim (Process Flow)

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