Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) FAQ - Denver

Understanding your rights after a TBI in Colorado

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

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

Q: What types of incidents can cause a TBI?

A: TBIs can result from various incidents, such as 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 have a TBI case in Colorado?

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, which can be documented through symptoms.

Q: What kind of symptoms indicate a potential TBI?

A: Symptoms that may indicate a TBI include confusion, memory loss, headaches, dizziness, or cognitive difficulties. These symptoms demonstrate a change in brain function after an accident.

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

A: Yes, even a so-called mild traumatic brain injury qualifies under Colorado law if it produces real and measurable harm. The severity designation does not negate the legal validity of the injury.

Q: What is the main factor in determining if an injury is a TBI in Colorado?

A: The crucial factor is whether the accident caused a change in brain function. This change is evidenced by documented symptoms like confusion, memory loss, headaches, dizziness, or cognitive difficulties.

Q: Can a concussion be considered a TBI?

A: Yes, a concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury. It is defined as a disruption to normal brain function caused by an external force.

Q: What if the injury seems minor but causes lasting problems?

A: Even if an injury is initially classified as mild, it qualifies as a TBI if it results in real and measurable harm. The long-term impact is what matters.

Q: How is a TBI different from other head injuries?

A: A TBI specifically refers to a disruption of normal brain function due to an external force, encompassing a range of injuries from concussions to more severe ones.

Q: What should I do if I suspect I have a TBI after an accident?

A: It's important to document any symptoms such as confusion, memory loss, headaches, dizziness, or cognitive difficulties. Consulting with a legal professional experienced in TBI cases is also advisable.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

- Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in Colorado (Workbook)

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- Navigating a Traumatic Brain Injury Claim in Colorado (Timeline)

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