

HEAD INJURY

If any of the following signs develop, please take your child to Accident and Emergency Department at Kings Mill Hospital, Tel: 622515 Extension 2789

- **excessive drowsiness:** your child may well be exhausted by the ordeal experienced after a head injury. However, you should be able to rouse the child easily, as you would normally from a deep sleep
- **vomiting:** it is not uncommon for a child with a head injury to vomit once or twice but not frequently
- **eye problems:** if your child complains of vision problems or if eyes fail to move together
- **unsteady walking or movement:** if your child becomes unsteady while walking or becomes weak in an arm or a leg
- **speech difficulty:** if your child's speech becomes slurred, or they seem unable to speak
- **headache:** if severe headache occurs, particularly if it increases in severity and is not relieved by paracetamol
- **convulsions:** should a convulsion (fit) occur, place the child on the floor, (this is the safest place to prevent further injury). Lie him/her on their side and loosen any tight clothing, (especially near the neck). Ensure the child is not left alone and dial 999 for an ambulance
- **incontinence of urine:** if an older child becomes drowsy and loses control of their bladder. If you are worried, do not hesitate to contact the hospital.
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This information was taken from Kings Mill Hospital advice to parents.