WFU Campus Rec Concussion Factsheet

Athletes who experience one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below after a blow to the head or similar injury may have a potential concussion.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

SYMPTOMS

- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not “feeling right” or is “feeling down’

SIGNS

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can’t recall events after hit or fall

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS IF THE ATHLETE PRESENTS WITH NO RED FLAGS:

HEADS UP ACTION PLAN:

1. Remove the athlete from play.
2. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury.
3. Allow athlete to get a full night of uninterrupted sleep.
4. Encourage athlete to eat a balance diet.
5. Decrease screen use and strenuous brain activity.
6. Schedule an evaluation with an appropriate health care provider for further evaluation, management and activity recommendations.

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