

High School Football and Concussions: A Dangerous Combination?

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While we all enjoy a good high school football game, the truth is that concussion rates are on the rise for high school athletes, particularly football players. In fact, there are now between an estimated 1.6 and 3.8 million sports-related concussions in the United States every year, leading the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conclude that sports concussions in the United States have reached an “epidemic level.”

To further understand the seriousness of the risk of head injury for high school football players, please review the following facts and statistics.

Highest Risk for Football Players

- According to *The New York Times*, at least 50 youth football players (high school or younger) from 20 different states have died or sustained serious head injuries on the field since 1997.
- According to a study reported in the *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*, football players suffer the most brain injuries of any sport.
- The same study revealed that an unacceptably high percentage (39%) of high school and collegiate football players suffering catastrophic head injuries (death, nonfatal but causing permanent neurologic functional disability, and serious injury but leaving no permanent functional disability) during the period 1989 to 2002 were still playing with neurologic symptoms at the time of the catastrophic event.

Multiple Concussions

- Once an athlete has suffered an initial concussion, his or her chances of a second one are 3 to 6 times greater than an athlete who has never sustained a concussion.
- 16.8% of high school athletes suffering a concussion had previously suffered a sport-related concussion, either that season or in a previous season
- A third of high school players in one recent survey reported two or more concussions in a season.
- High school athletes who suffer 3 or more concussions are at increased risk of experiencing loss of consciousness (8-fold greater risk), anterograde/post-traumatic amnesia/PTA (reduced ability to form new memories after a brain injury) (5.5-fold greater risk), and confusion (5.1-fold greater risk) after a subsequent concussion.

Source: [Moms Team](#)

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