

YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER/FRIEND HAS
SUSTAINED A HEAD INJURY.

HEAD INJURY ADVICE CARD

Emergency Department

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Investigations/Brain scans

X rays of the skull are not performed in the context of a head injury. Not all patients presenting with a head injury need a scan. This Emergency Department (ED) follows nationally recommended guidelines for investigating head injury patients. If you fulfil these criteria you should have a CT scan performed. This looks to identify any bleeding/bruising to the brain.

If any of the following symptoms occur, please return to the ED immediately:

- Unusual drowsiness, confusion.
- Failure to recognise surroundings.
- Abnormal or changed behaviour.
- Actual Unconsciousness.
- Severe Headache.
- Vomiting.
- Weakness of arm, leg or face.
- Blurred vision or seeing double.
- Persistent discharge from ears/nose.



**when it's less
urgent than 999**