

## 1.1 Head and spinal cord injury

Decide if the following options are symptoms of a head injury or not.  
Select 'yes' if they are and select 'no' if they aren't.

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| • Unresponsive          | Yes | No |
| • Difficulty swallowing | Yes | No |
| • Vomiting              | Yes | No |
| • Talking normally      | Yes | No |
| • Having lots of energy | Yes | No |
| • Amnesia               | Yes | No |
| • Difficulty walking    | Yes | No |



### Emergency care for a head and spinal injuries

Anyone who experiences an injury to the head or neck needs \_\_\_\_\_ medical attention. If you suspect someone has a brain or spinal cord injury you should call an ambulance \_\_\_\_\_. You should stop bleeding by pressing a clean dressing on the wound, applying \_\_\_\_\_ pressure. Ice \_\_\_\_\_ be applied to the swollen area of the head. To prevent the casualty from vomiting, you should roll the person's head, neck and body as \_\_\_\_\_ unit.