

Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Age			• <6 months
Mechanism of injury	• Low risk i.e. fall from standing height		• High risk i.e. fall from >standing height, RTC etc.
Conscious level	• No LOC • Cried immediately • Alert and interacting normally		• Any LOC • Any drowsiness • Any amnesia • Post traumatic seizure
Vomiting	• 2 or less		• 3 or more (>10 mins apart)
Headache			• Not settling with analgesia
Bruising/swelling	• None or small/firm		• >5cm or boggy
Other			• Additional parent/carer concerns • Concerns about alcohol intoxication/drug use • Straw coloured fluid from ear/nose • Bruising around eyes or behind ears

Green Action

Provide Head injury safety netting advice.
Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/
advice given
Always consider safeguarding issues.

Red Action

Refer immediately to emergency care –
consider whether 999 transfer or parent/taxi
most appropriate based on clinical acuity etc.