



## What is Frontal Lobe Brain Injuries?

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The brain has 3 major parts: the Hindbrain, the Limbic System, and the Neocortex. It is in the Neocortex that you find the Frontal Lobe. The Frontal Lobe is the largest lobe and the part of the brain that controls our emotions and how we relate to things, people, animals, and events. It is also called Frontal Lobe because of its location which is the area closest to your forehead. As such, it is particularly vulnerable when we [hit our head, or get into an accident.](#)

The Frontal Lobe is also divided into the left and right lobes. The left frontal lobe controls your language, while the right frontal lobe controls your non-verbal functions. However, both lobes have a direct impact on your behavior.

Injuries to your Frontal Lobe would carry symptoms and problems like loss of motor skills, finger and hand dexterity, loss of facial expression, and speech problems. Unfortunately, it isn't all just physical or emotional behavior changes, but also impacts your memory and ability to think and solve problems.

A person who has [personal injuries](#) to their frontal lobe will most likely perform poorly in tests, including IQ tests. This pertains not only to written tests but every day challenges like being able to interpret feedback, or analyze the presence of risk such as being able to cross the street safely. For many, they even have problem with learning, and so formal education in schools could be compromised.

Finally, the social aspect if frontal lobe injuries is also a major cause for concern. A person suffering from this type of brain injury will also have mood swings and unexplained personality disorders, not seen before the trauma happened. There could also be signs of depression,

inability to socialize with the community, and cause a change in sexual behavior from reduced interest to abnormal behavior with regards to sex.

Some of the common tests performed on a patient to determine degree of injury to the frontal lobe are the Token test which is a language test; the Wisconsin Card Sorting which tests response to stimuli; and the Finger Tapping which tests the motor skills.

Preventing frontal lobe injuries can be done by using helmets, seatbelts, avoid cords lying haphazardly on the floor, holding on to railing when walking up or down stairs. Using the correct shoes that grips the ground properly, and proper lighting.

The expense of treating a person with frontal lobe injuries can be extensive with different specialists like a neurologist, physiatrist, speech therapist occupational therapist, neuro-psychologist, and even a social worker all working together to help that person regain some control over his or her life.

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