

New reason to take brain injuries seriously

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We have written about and worked with so many car accident cases in the past. Tragically, wrecks happen just about every day, some much more serious than others. Among the most serious types of crashes are those wherein the injuries are fatal.

When accident victims survive, some of the most serious injuries that they and their families are left to deal with are [traumatic brain injuries](#). Damage to the brain is more than physical; it has behavioral consequences. And a new study suggests that a brain injury can mean a behavior change in a victim that could also affect the well-being of others.

British and Swedish researchers worked together to compare the rate of violent crime among the general population and those who have suffered from traumatic brain injuries. The findings do suggest that those who've sustained head injuries are more likely to commit acts of violent crime.

Research shows that those with brain injuries were about three times more likely to be convicted of violent crimes such as arson, assault, sex crimes, homicide and more. As you can grasp, these findings have wide implications.

When a careless driver causes an accident resulting in a victim's brain injury, he has created a ripple effect of potential tragedy. First, the head injury has happened. But now, according to the research, that injury could lead to behavioral problems that put another unsuspected victim in danger of being injured in a violent crime.

If you or someone you love suffers from a brain injury due to another's negligence, don't let the carelessness go unpunished. An aggressive personal injury lawyer can help victims try to seek justice and create a safer community.

Source

Press Association: "[Head injury 'link' to violent crime](#)," Dec. 27, 2011