

RCW 74.31.010 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(2) "Department of health" means the Washington state department of health created pursuant to RCW 43.70.020.

(3) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

(4) "Traumatic brain injury" means injury to the brain caused by physical trauma resulting from, but not limited to, incidents involving motor vehicles, sporting events, falls, and physical assaults. Documentation of traumatic brain injury shall be based on adequate medical history, neurological examination, mental status testing, or neuropsychological evaluation. A traumatic brain injury shall be of sufficient severity to result in impairments in one or more of the following areas: Cognition; language memory; attention; reasoning; abstract thinking; judgment; problem solving; sensory, perceptual, and motor abilities; psychosocial behavior; physical functions; or information processing. The term does not apply to brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or to brain injuries induced by birth trauma.

(5) "Traumatic brain injury account" means the account established under RCW 74.31.060.

(6) "Council" means the Washington traumatic brain injury strategic partnership advisory council created under RCW 74.31.020. [2007 c 356 s 2.]

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