

Are there any groups I can join for support?

There are local groups that meet, please ask visual impairment liaison co-ordinator, or Liz, for your nearest group details.

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Cantonese

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Italian

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Kurdish

درخواست پر یہ دستاویز دیگر زبانوں میں، بڑے حروف کی چھپائی اور سننے والے ذرائع پر بھی میسر ہے۔

Urdu

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Altered vision following a traumatic brain injury



Why does having a brain injury affect my sight?

40% of the brain is concerned with vision, the eyeball and the optic nerve, and the processing of information by your brain.

Following a brain injury the pathway that results in sight can be damaged or the messages interrupted.

Depending on what has happened and if your brain is still able to function sufficiently, your sight should return to normal in time.

What are the most common visual disturbances following a brain injury?

- Blurred vision
- double vision
- part of the 'picture' is missing
- drooping of the eye lid
- difficulty in moving the eye itself
- change in the colours you see
- change in your usual prescription.

What can be done to help me?

You will receive an appointment in the eye clinic, which specialises in this problem. They will examine your eyes and will then be able to explain what damage has been done and how this may affect your vision.

When will I know if my sight is permanently damaged?

Most visual disturbances will improve or get better in time. However, the longer it takes to get better, the more likely it is to be permanent. Ask at your eye clinic appointment for more information.

Can I lose my sight?

If there is damage to the optic nerve, it is possible to lose your sight in one or both eyes

Why do some people wear an eye patch?

If you have a weakness in the muscles that control your eye you may be referred to the orthoptist for exercises in strengthening your eye, or recommended other treatments such as an eye patch.

What happens if I do not regain all or some of my sight?

The visual impairment liaison coordinator will discuss your options with you

Will the team still see me after discharge?

If they feel you would still benefit from further visits, they will arrange an appointment for you.

How can I find out more about my altered vision?

www.rnib.org 0845 766 9999
