

Safety Committee Report Winter 2010

We are continuing to collect data in the injury survey project in District 6 and District 3. The focus this year is on fractures and head injuries/concussions. Our committee added a nurse who is experienced in research data collection and who has three boys playing hockey. She is calling all of the families of the injured players to gather additional information. The families all are pleased that we are making the calls to inquire about the nature of the injuries and circumstances that existed.

The objective is to determine if there are any common elements or factors relating to particular injuries. We have some preliminary observations but it is too early to draw any conclusions. We continue to think of way to refine our process and maybe narrow the focus. Discussions are on going with the group.

The one observation that did get our attention is the large number of reported concussions. From mid-November through December we were receiving an average on 6 reports a week of concussions. Several were squirts/U10. Most are Bantam/U14.

We expect this project to be on going for the next couple of years however we may have some concrete observation to share with the board by the spring meeting.

On Behalf of the Committee

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