

Brain Injury Fact Sheet

- Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability for people between the ages of 15 and 24 (*Center For Disease Control, 2006*).
- A brain injury occurs every 23 seconds in the United States of America (*BIA-USA, 2006*).
- Every year over 37,000 Massachusetts residents go to the emergency room, because of a brain injury (*Department of Public Health, Mass., 2006*).
- Traumatic brain injury is more prevalent in the United States of America than cases of multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS, and breast cancer combined (*Center for Disease Control, 2006*).
- 5.3 million Americans are currently living with disabilities resulting from TBI, and 80,000 to 90,000 individuals join their ranks every year (*Center for Disease Control, 2006*).
- Of the 1.4 million who sustain a TBI in the US each year, 50,000 die, 235,000 are hospitalized, and 1.1 million are treated and released by an emergency department (*Center for Disease Control, 2006*).
- In the United States, total lifetime cost associated with TBI injuries are conservatively estimated at \$60 billion (*Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 2006*).