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Subject: Re: Something Bad Happen? No worry! Just sue a company!

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Nukelt15 wrote on Tue, 20 May 2008 16:54I'm sorry, but did anybody catch this bit?

Quote:Less than two years ago, Domalewski was a happy, healthy star pitcher on a youth baseball team coached by his father.

Another thing is suspicious here-

Quote:He crumpled to the ground and stopped breathing.

His father, a school teacher who had been on the sideline, and a third base coach from the other team ran onto the field. Steven already was turning blue.

Someone yelled, "Call 911!" Within 90 seconds, a man trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation who had been playing catch with his 9-year-old daughter jumped the fence and started to work on Steven.

Paramedics, who were a quarter-mile away doing a CPR demonstration, arrived within minutes. They placed an oxygen mask over Steven's face and rushed him to a hospital. But the damage had been done; his brain had been without oxygen for 15 to 20 minutes.

Are we missing something here? The entire purpose of CPR is to keep blood flowing and delivering oxygen until the heart either restarts on its own or proper medical attention can be given. Now, for this to happen one of three things must be true:

A. They (the father and the other "helpers" on-scene) waited longer than is implied to begin proper first aid.

B. First aid (CPR) was administered improperly, or someone interfered with it.

C. Additional internal injury was caused on impact, obstructing or restricting blood flow to the brain.

I wouldn't be at all surprised if somebody had waited until the kid started turning blue to realize that something was horribly wrong. Maybe the first person to get to him didn't check for a pulse? Here's the kicker- we have here a team sport, and those active in team sports have been known to sustain injury, including cardiac arrest from a variety of causes. Why was there nobody on standby able to administer CPR right away? Why wasn't the coach trained in CPR? To me, this looks an awful lot like a man trying to deflect the blame away from where it should properly rest- as someone in a position of responsibility for his entire team, why didn't he make sure somebody was available who could administer first aid if necessary? Why did the first person able to give CPR have to be someone who was apparently in no way involved with the sporting event? If anyone is to blame at all, it's the father, for not taking enough precautions for the safety of the team which was his responsibility. Now his son has suffered for his oversight and he's desperate to blame anybody but himself.

I totally agree. That's one of your responsibilities as a coach, to know CPR or at least have someone there in case something happens. I guess there aren't enough details to really say.

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