

641—21.2(135) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Acute injury*” means an injury for which a person has been continuously hospitalized since recognition of that injury.

“*Agency*” means Iowa department of public health.

“*Brain injury*” means any clinically evident brain damage resulting from trauma or anoxia which temporarily or permanently impairs a person’s physical or cognitive functions.

“*Hospital*” means hospital as defined by the department of inspections and appeals in Iowa Code section 135B.1.

“*Physical agent*” means mechanical energy transmitted from a living or nonliving vector to humans.

“*Reportable case*” means a person who is admitted or transferred to a hospital with a diagnosis of acute traumatic brain or spinal cord injury or a person who is pronounced dead in the emergency department of a hospital with an acute traumatic brain or spinal cord injury.

“*Spinal cord injury*” means any acute, traumatic lesion of the neural elements in the spinal canal, resulting in any degree of sensory deficit, motor deficit, or bladder/bowel dysfunction.