

**702.18 Serious injury.**

1. “*Serious injury*” means any of the following:

a. Disabling mental illness.

b. Bodily injury which does any of the following:

(1) Creates a substantial risk of death.

(2) Causes serious permanent disfigurement.

(3) Causes protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

c. Any injury to a child that requires surgical repair and necessitates the administration of general anesthesia.

2. “*Serious injury*” includes but is not limited to skull fractures, rib fractures, and metaphyseal fractures of the long bones of children under the age of four years.

[C51, §2577; R60, §4200; C73, §3857; C97, §4752; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §12928; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §693.1; C79, 81, §702.18]

[94 Acts, ch 1172, §41](#); [99 Acts, ch 11, §1](#)

Referred to in [§147.111](#), [235B.2](#), [321.261](#), [321.482A](#), [321J.1](#), [462A.2](#), [707.6A](#), [726.24](#), [805.10](#)