



# Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association

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## **Brain Injury Can Happen to Anyone**

### *For Immediate Release*

As we enter graduation season, high school seniors across the country take an important step toward the realization of their dreams and career goals.

Three years ago, when Hailey Harms escorted her friend Evan Wall as he achieved that rite of passage, life changing injury was not a part of their future plans.

Hailey was a competitive skater who hoped to make the national team and compete in the Olympics. Evan was a linebacker who won MVP his senior year and excelled in maths and sciences.

Three years later, due to unrelated brain injuries, their lives will never be the same.

Hailey sustained multiple skating-related concussions and was told she would never be able to skate again.

Evan was in a car accident that left him where he is today - working hard to regain control of his speech and mobility.

Two talented, ambitious teenagers from the same rural community sustained completely separate brain injuries that changed the course of their lives forever. Brain injury can happen to anyone.

Evan and Hailey's stories are featured in a four-part video mini-series for Brain Injury Awareness Month being released nationally on social media over the next two weeks under the hashtags #BIAM17 and #thisisthefaceofbraininjury.

The video mini-series can be viewed at [www.sbia.ca](http://www.sbia.ca)

Brain injury is the NUMBER ONE cause of death and disability WORLDWIDE among children, youth and those under age 44. Close to one and a half million Canadians live with the consequences of brain injury everyday.

The Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association is a charitable organization that strives to prevent brain injuries and to improve the lives of survivors and their families. Visit [www.sbia.ca](http://www.sbia.ca) for more.

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