

Lesser known football injuries can be a killer

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Player safety has football's spotlight, from the NFL to Pop Warner football for little kids.

While the focus has been on concussions and discouraging helmet-to-helmet hits, tackling is often lower on the body, from the shoulders to the knees – and that opens up a different, potentially fatal worry.

Brian and Kathy Haugen, who lost their 15-year-old son Taylor seven years ago from a hit on the football field, are educating coaches, parents and players about those abdominal risks.

As receiver Taylor reached for a pass in 2008, two tacklers hit him, one from the front, another from the back. He staggered off the Florida field.

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