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Anoxia occurs when there has been a complete deprivation of oxygen to the brain. Hypoxia occurs when the brain is getting some oxygen but not enough to function correctly. Both anoxic brain injury and hypoxic brain injury are devastating, cruel, horribly expensive to treat, and in many cases, irreversible.

Oxygen to the brain is supplied by the blood stream. Anything that decreases the flow of blood to the brain or lowers the amount of oxygen in the blood has the potential for causing anoxic or hypoxic brain injury. For instance, sudden uncontrolled bleeding which results in drastically reduced blood pressure; a blood clot or embolism caused by medical negligence which interrupts blood flow to the brain; drug reaction or interaction which changes the blood's chemistry; improper intubation during anesthesia; or inhaling of gases such as carbon monoxide that supplant the oxygen in the blood stream all can cause an anoxic or a hypoxic brain injury.

Anoxic brain injury and hypoxic brain injury can cause death, permanent coma, or a persistent vegetative state. A person who has suffered a serious anoxic or hypoxic brain injury can expect to have to undergo long term and intensive care and treatment. This is truly a devastating injury. To help you receive compensation and get the medical care necessary for the victim of such an injury, call Mark W. Smith and the Louisiana brain Injury lawyers at MARK W. SMITH & ASSOCIATES. Let us help.