

Most Common Injuries Sustained In Auto Accidents | Atlanta Auto Accident Attorney

There are many types of injuries that one may sustain if involved in an automobile accident. Over the years of representing clients in both serious and minor auto accident we believe the following are the most common types of injuries.

In general back and neck injuries along with upper and lower extremity injuries are most common. Many individuals suffer from back and neck strains following an accident. These type of strains happen when the muscles and ligaments are suddenly stretched or torn. This generally is an acute type of injury and is often referred to as soft tissue and resolves rather quickly.

A more serious back and neck injury suffered may be a herniated disc or pinched nerve. Both can cause significant pain and may even lead to surgery. Pinched nerves can cause numbness or tingling of the skin as well as muscle weakness.

The most serious of these might be a “slipped disc” or herniated disc. This injury is a result of a forceful sudden jolt which causes the “jelly like” substance that is a padding between the discs to leak or push out against the spinal canal. This may also irritate the nerves and the pain is elevated with this type injury. Often surgical intervention is required to alleviate the pain and discomfort associated with this type of injury.

Upper and lower extremity injuries are common in automobile accidents due to the vulnerability. A torn rotator cuff (shoulder) is probably the most common upper extremity injury other than an arm fracture. Often diagnosed by and MRI a torn rotator cuff leads to surgical intervention and weeks of physical therapy.

Legs, hips, knees ankles and feet are often injured in auto accidents with fractures being most common. Ligament damage may result as well and one may even need surgery such as a knee arthroplasty to repair the damage.

If you or a loved one have been involved in an accident you may have legal grounds to file a claim against the at fault individual. We at Murphy & Associates acknowledge the trauma of your accident and the fear you have experienced. Feel free to contact us at (770) 577-3020 for a free consultation.