

# Paraplegia Injury

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***Paraplegia is the loss of feeling and function in the lower extremities.*** Paralysis occurring from the waist down can be caused by injury to the mid or lower spine, traumatic brain injury and other non-traumatic or disease-related causes like stroke and complications in childbirth. ***Paraplegia is known as a variable condition, which means symptoms, treatment and prognosis will be different for every patient.*** Factors like the type and severity of the paraplegia injury contribute to the degree of functionality and level of feeling below the waist for each individual. ***Intensive treatment immediately after your diagnosis of paraplegia is of the utmost importance to give you the best chance for recovery.***



***Comparative fault laws in California for catastrophic injury can be difficult to navigate*** if you are dealing with recovery and physical therapy for a paraplegia injury, not to mention medical expenses and your insurance company's limitations. You need to ***know your legal options and what you need to do to protect yourself and your family financially.*** An ***experienced catastrophic injury attorney will provide you with the legal support you deserve and be your advocate to recover the maximum compensation for your paraplegia injury and the significant life-changing limitations that can result from a functional disability.***

## Understanding Paraplegia

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Weakened or nonexistent signals from the brain to the lower body and from the body to the brain caused by ***traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury resulting in paralysis***. These incomplete signals often cause the debilitating loss of feeling and movement in the legs and/or lower torso. ***The leading cause of paralysis including paraplegia injury is caused by spinal cord injuries that occur at a rate of over 2,500 new cases every year in the US.*** There are several ***medical complications that can occur from the loss of feeling and function in the lower extremities including:***

- **Bladder Incontinence**
- **Bowel Incontinence**
- **Sexual Function**
- **Circulation Disorders**
- **Chronic Nerve Pain**
- **Thrombosis**
- **Depression**
- **Respiratory Complications**
- **Loss of Muscle Tone**
- **Autonomic Dysreflexia**

***Prevention, early detection, and intervention of these potential complications will ensure the best results from medical treatment and therapy.*** Although there is still many doctors do not know about paraplegia, ***proper medical care and rehabilitation can greatly improve mobility and a patient's overall prognosis*** in many cases.

## Paraplegia Injury Treatment Options

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Medical advances in treatment and rehabilitation may ***provide a paraplegic with an improved prognosis like reduced or reversing symptoms and a slowing of the progression of paraplegia.*** Motivation and a willingness to work hard in rehabilitation for re-education to perform everyday physical activities is essential and can be encouraged by support groups, counseling, and supportive friends and family. ***The path to finding the right methods to manage symptoms will be an ongoing process of learning to live with paraplegia.*** Here are some ***treatment options to discuss with your doctors for the treatment of paraplegia injury:***

- **Surgery** – Surgical options address swelling, lesion removal or spinal cord alignment and are usually the first step in treatment.
- **Medication** – Your doctor may prescribe post-surgical medication to help with pain and reduce the risk of blood clots and infection.
- **Physical Therapy** – Therapy sessions will be directed toward re-teaching your body to work around the disabilities, slow the loss of muscle tone and reduce chronic pain.
- **Seek Support** – There are many support groups, advocacy programs and occupational training programs that offer valuable resources for paraplegics and their

families.

## Contact an Experienced Paraplegia Injury Attorney

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Representation by a qualified, experienced catastrophic injury attorney will help ensure you have an ***advocate on your side*** to stand up for your legal rights and make certain you ***receive the best medical care*** available and are ***awarded the maximum compensation possible for medical bills including future medical needs, compensation for pain and suffering and loss of income and future income.*** Johnson Attorneys Group has ***won thousands of cases in California the best resources available to win or successfully settle your case.*** ***Call us*** today at **1-800-208-3538** for your complimentary, ***free case review.***