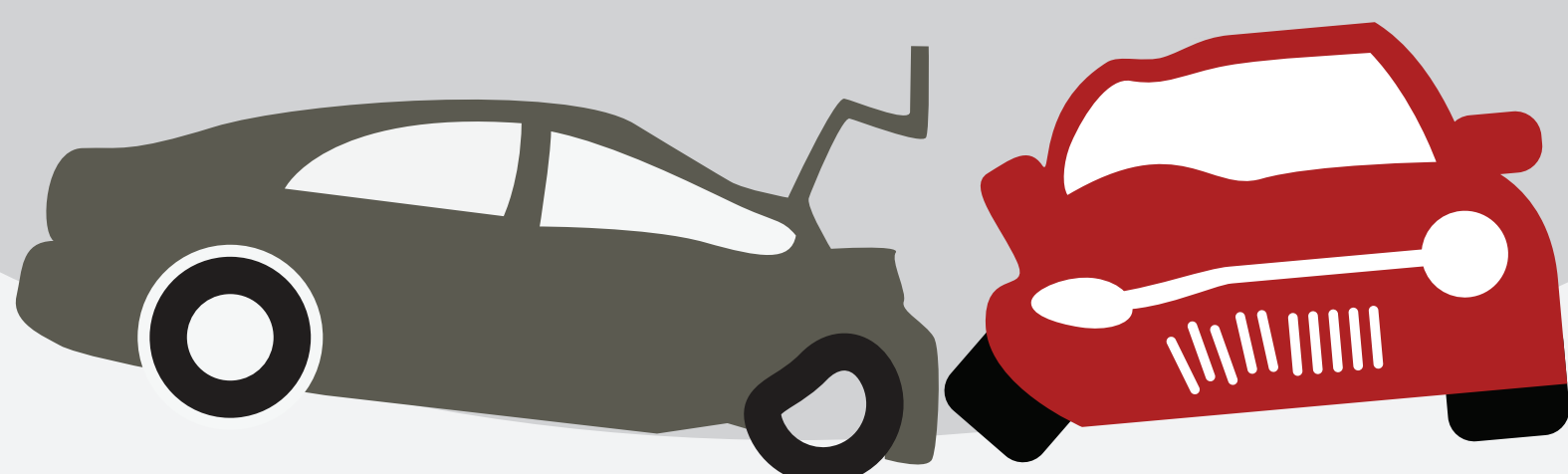


# INJURIES CAUSED BY VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



## TRIMALLEOLAR FRACTURE

Occurs when all three areas of the ankle are broken at the same time. Trimalleolar fractures often require intensive medical treatment and take a very long time to heal.

## WHIPLASH

Is the most common injury suffered in car wrecks. Though these injuries are sometimes relatively mild, they have the potential to be very serious.

## COLLES WRIST FRACTURES

Occur when there is a break at the end of the radius bone closest to the wrist. Not only are these fractures painful and expensive, they also severely limit a person's ability to perform daily tasks. Recovery from wrist fractures can also be an lengthy process.

## HERNIATED DISC

People tend to think of herniated discs as injures that occur after heavy lifting, but they can also be the result of severe vehicle accidents. Physicians will often look to treat these injuries with risky surgeries called laminectomies and spinal fusions.

## TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

The impact from vehicle accidents can cause devastating head injuries, often resulting in what is known as traumatic brain injuries. The effects of brain injuries can be quite serious and long lasting. Common symptoms of TBI include problems with memory, language, speaking and concentration.

## SPINAL CORD INJURIES

Can be costly, painful and in some cases, permanent. When spinal cord injuries lead to paralysis, victims face millions of dollars of expenses over a lifetime of care, in addition to the loss of the ability to perform work responsibilities and daily activities.

## INTERNAL DAMAGE

Major organ damage is one of the most deadly of all vehicle accident injuries, in large part due to the fact that it is so difficult to detect. Internal bleeding or impaired bodily functions can quickly lead to serious medical complications and can even become fatal.

## CAUSES OF VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

The vast majority of vehicle accidents are the result of driver error, including:

- Distracted Driving
- Impaired Driving
- Drowsy Driving
- Reckless Driving  
(speeding, improper lane, changes, ignoring traffic signs)

## FINANCIAL COSTS OF INJURIES

- Medical Bills
- Ongoing Care
- Physical Therapy
- Loss of Income from Time Off of Work
- Loss of Work Capacity Resulting in Lost Wages

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