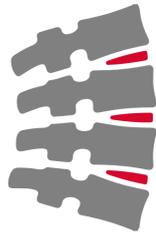


SPINAL CORD INJURY

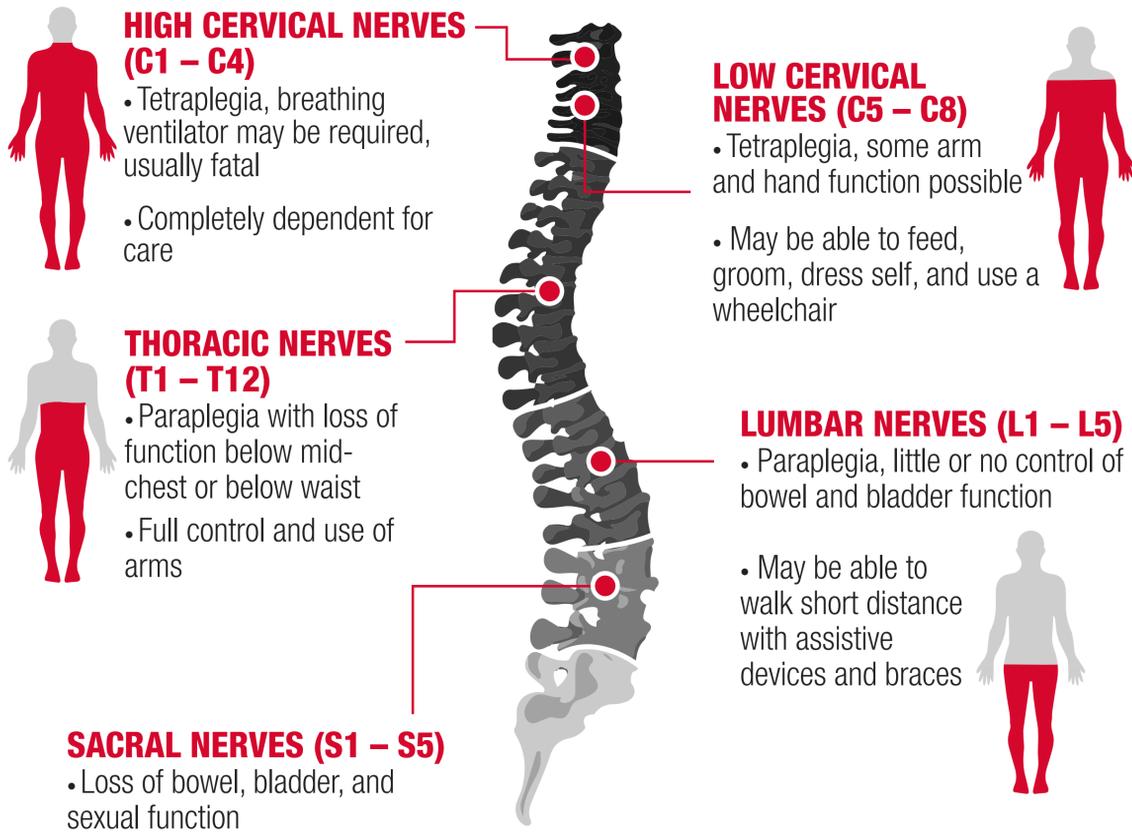
FACTS AND STATISTICS

WHAT IS A SPINAL CORD INJURY?



DAMAGE TO ANY PART OF THE **SPINAL CORD OR NERVES** AT THE END OF THE SPINAL CANAL, OFTEN RESULTING IN PERMANENT CHANGES IN **STRENGTH, SENSATION, AND OTHER BODY FUNCTIONS** BELOW THE INJURY SITE.

LEVELS OF INJURY



SPINAL CORD INJURY CLASSIFICATIONS

PARAPLEGIA

Loss of movement and sensation in lower half of the body

TETRAPLEGIA (QUADRIPLEGIA)

loss of movement and sensation in both legs and arms

COMPLETE SPINAL CORD INJURY

Almost all feeling and ability to control movement is lost below the injury site

INCOMPLETE SPINAL CORD INJURY

Some motor and sensory function is present below injury site

SPINAL CORD INJURY COMPLICATIONS



APPROXIMATELY **282,000** PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE LIVING WITH A SPINAL CORD INJURY

APPROXIMATELY **17,000** NEW SPINAL CORD INJURY CASES OCCUR EACH YEAR

LEADING CAUSES OF SPINAL CORD INJURIES (SINCE 2010)

VEHICLE CRASHES
38%



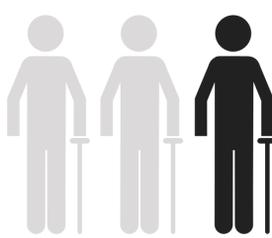
FALLS
30.5%



VIOLENCE
13.5%



SPORTS & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
9%



ONLY ONE THIRD OF PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM A SPINAL CORD INJURY RETURN TO WORK



30 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WITH SPINAL CORD INJURIES ARE RE-HOSPITALIZED ONE OR MORE TIMES DURING ANY GIVEN YEAR FOLLOWING INJURY

ESTIMATED LIFETIME COSTS (BY AGE AT INJURY)

AGE 25

HIGH TETRAPLEGIA **\$4.73 MILLION**

LOW TETRAPLEGIA **\$3.45 MILLION**

PARAPLEGIA **\$2.31 MILLION**

AGE 50

HIGH TETRAPLEGIA **\$2.6 MILLION**

LOW TETRAPLEGIA **\$2.12 MILLION**

PARAPLEGIA **\$ 1.52 MILLION**



IN ADDITION, AN AVERAGE OF **\$72,047** PER YEAR IS LOST IN WAGES, BENEFITS, AND PRODUCTIVITY

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