

## Common Brain Injuries from Car and Trucking Accidents

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Car and trucking accidents can result in a number of injuries, some more significant than others. Among the most serious that survivors can experience are those that affect the brain. Any sort of damage to the brain can have a permanent, life-changing impact on the individual. This article highlights some of the most common brain injuries from car and trucking accidents.

Injured persons and their families have the right to seek compensation if someone's negligence, or carelessness, caused them harm. Rosen Hagood's personal injury attorneys are ready to serve you.

## 4 Common Brain Injuries from Car and Trucking Accidents

### Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)

A **traumatic brain injury** is an injury that causes damage to the brain's tissue, blood vessels, or nerves, potentially causing the brain to have severe dysfunction. There are several types of common traumatic brain injuries to be aware of:

#### Concussion

A concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) that results from trauma to the head or a violent shaking of the head or body that causes the brain to jolt or shake and collide with the skull.

#### Brain contusion

A contusion is a bruise to the brain, usually caused by a strike that results in bleeding and swelling around the affected area. Ruptured blood vessels will result in a more severe TBI.

#### Brain hemorrhages

This is uncontrolled bleeding on the surface of the brain or within the brain tissue itself.

#### Diffuse axonal injury

This occurs when the brain rapidly rotates or twists within the skull, causing damage to the axons that connect the brain's nerve cells. Axons carry electrical messages throughout the brain.

### Symptoms of Brain Injuries

Every traumatic brain injury is different, both in its nature and its degree. One person's experience with a specific type of injury will vary from someone else's. However, the above types of injuries share many of the same symptoms, so be sure to inform your doctor if you

suffer any of the following after your accident:

- Loss of consciousness
- Severe or persistent headaches
- Memory loss
- Dizziness
- Slurred speech
- Confusion
- Blurry vision
- Difficulty concentrating
- Coordination problems
- Fatigue
- Inability to sleep
- Behavioral changes
- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell

### **What Impact Can a Brain Injury Have on Someone?**

Some brain injuries are relatively mild and can, with proper medical care, resolve over time. Others, however, can have a dramatic and irreversible effect on the survivor. These are just a few of the challenges that injured persons can expect:

#### **Medical bills**

Even “simple” brain injuries can require hospitalization, treatment, and medication. More severe ones can lead to a lifetime of medical needs.

#### **Lost income**

The injured person may miss work and, therefore, lose money due to his or her recovery, medical appointments, and related matters.

#### **Lost earning capacity**

A significant enough brain injury can mean the end of someone’s career, resulting in a loss of earnings for the rest of the survivor’s life.

#### **Pain and suffering**

A brain injury can cause physical pain and/or emotional suffering, which can increase an individual’s recoverable compensation.

#### **Loss of enjoyment of life**

Because the injured person may never be able to return to a normal life, experiences and activities he or she once loved may be gone forever.

### **Let Us Explore Your Legal Options with You**

While some injuries are so severe that they can never be undone, the courts can help survivors and their families seek justice. Rosen Hagood's experienced **personal injury team** is ready to fight for the compensation you deserve after your car or trucking accident. To learn more call (843) 577-6726 or email us through our **contact form**.