

Catastrophic Injuries

What to know if a life-changing injury has altered your future



Catastrophic injuries often prevent a return to work and require ongoing medical and personal care. This short ebook explains what qualifies as catastrophic, the compensation available, and how Hillstone Law builds strong cases.

What is a catastrophic injury?

A catastrophic injury is one that permanently impacts major life activities or the ability to earn a living. Examples include traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and paralysis, severe burns, amputations, blindness, multiple fractures, and major disfigurement.

Compensation you may recover

Economic damages:

- Past and future medical expenses, rehabilitation, and assistive devices
- Home health care, long-term residential care, and home modifications
- Lost wages and diminished future earning capacity
- Property damage and necessary transportation changes (van, lifts)

Non-economic damages:

- Pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life
- Permanent disability or disfigurement
- Emotional distress and mental anguish
- Loss of companionship/consortium
- Punitive damages in cases of gross negligence or misconduct

How Hillstone Law builds your case

- Coordinate medical specialists, life■care planners, and vocational experts
- Document lifetime costs and the full impact on independence and family
- Investigate liability thoroughly and identify every responsible party
- Negotiate assertively with insurers; file suit and try the case when needed
- No upfront fees—clients pay only if we win

Key deadlines (California)

- General personal injury: 2 years from the injury date
- Claims against public entities: typically 6 months to present a government claim
- Minors: time limits may be tolled until age 18 in many cases

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