

Car Accidents During Pregnancy Can Lead to Devastating Consequences

Why Pregnant Crash Victims in Georgia Deserve Immediate Medical and Legal Support

A [car accident](#) is frightening in any circumstance. But when you're pregnant, that fear multiplies. Even a seemingly minor collision can carry major risks for both mother and baby — from placental abruption and premature labor to long-term birth injuries or miscarriage.

At the [Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates](#), we've seen how devastating these crashes can be. We fight for Georgia families dealing with the physical, emotional, and financial toll of a pregnancy-related accident. If you were injured in a crash while pregnant, we're here to make sure your voice is heard and your rights are protected.

How Car Accidents Affect Pregnant Women and Their Babies

Pregnant people are more vulnerable to crash-related complications because of the physiological changes taking place during pregnancy. Even if you don't feel injured, your body may have absorbed trauma in ways that put your baby at risk.

Common risks include:

- **Placental Abruption:** The placenta detaches from the uterine wall, reducing oxygen and nutrients to the baby.
- **Preterm Labor:** Stress or trauma can cause early contractions and delivery.
- **Uterine Rupture:** In severe crashes, the uterus can be injured, which may require emergency delivery.
- **Fetal Trauma:** Rapid deceleration or blunt force can injure the fetus directly.
- **Miscarriage Or Stillbirth:** In worst-case scenarios, a crash may result in pregnancy loss.

The risk of these outcomes increases with the severity of the crash, but even low-impact collisions have been linked to serious complications — especially in the second and third trimesters.

Common Symptoms to Watch For After a Crash While Pregnant

If you've been in a car accident while pregnant, always seek immediate medical care — even if you feel okay. Warning signs of potential complications include:

- Abdominal pain or tenderness
- Vaginal bleeding or fluid leakage
- Contractions or cramping
- Dizziness or faintness
- Changes in fetal movement

These symptoms may indicate serious problems requiring emergency care. An OB-GYN or trauma specialist can assess both your health and your baby's condition through monitoring, imaging, and blood work.

Legal Challenges After a Crash Involving a Pregnant Person

One of the biggest legal issues in these cases is proving the full extent of the damage. Insurance companies may question whether the pregnancy complications were directly caused by the crash. That's where strong medical documentation and an experienced lawyer make a difference.

Our team knows how to:

- Document the physical and emotional toll on the pregnant person
- Show how the crash disrupted prenatal care or led to additional treatment
- Include potential long-term consequences for the child
- Push back on efforts to minimize or deny the seriousness of the case

You only get one chance to get a fair settlement — and these cases deserve full value.

What If the Baby Is Injured Due to the Crash?

In some cases, a car accident causes injury not only to the pregnant parent, but to the baby as well — during pregnancy or after birth. These injuries may not be immediately obvious. Some children are born prematurely and face complications in the NICU. Others may suffer oxygen deprivation, brain bleeds, or developmental delays tied to crash-related trauma.

If your baby required intensive care after birth, or was diagnosed with a serious condition, you may be able to pursue compensation for:

- Neonatal intensive care costs
- Surgeries or specialized treatments
- Long-term therapy and rehabilitation
- Special education or in-home care needs
- Emotional pain and suffering

We understand how sensitive and overwhelming these cases can be. Our team works with pediatric specialists and life care planners to understand what your child may need long-term — and we fight for a settlement that reflects that full impact.

Compensation May Include More Than Just Medical Bills

When a pregnant person is injured in a crash, the damages can affect the entire family.

Depending on your case, compensation may cover:

- Medical expenses for you and your baby
- Emergency delivery or NICU care

- Lost income or ability to work during pregnancy or after birth
- Emotional distress
- Long-term developmental or birth-related injuries
- Funeral or burial expenses in the case of pregnancy loss

We work with medical experts, economists, and life care planners to calculate what full compensation looks like — not just today, but for years to come.

How Crash-Related Stress and Trauma Can Affect Pregnancy

Even if there are no immediate physical complications, the emotional impact of a crash can affect a pregnant person's health and well-being. Stress hormones like cortisol and adrenaline can spike after trauma, and high stress levels during pregnancy have been linked to complications like:

- Low birth weight
- Increased risk of preeclampsia
- Postpartum depression
- Anxiety or PTSD

Mental health support is just as important as physical care — and it should be factored into your claim. Our attorneys include the cost of counseling, missed prenatal appointments, and emotional harm when calculating your damages.

Why Timing Matters in Pregnancy-Related Injury Claims

Delays can hurt your case — and your health. In pregnancy-related crash claims, prompt action is critical to preserve evidence, protect your rights, and support your long-term recovery. You should not wait for symptoms to worsen or insurance adjusters to act in good faith.

Our legal team gets to work immediately by:

- Coordinating follow-up care with OB-GYNs and maternal-fetal medicine specialists
- Requesting fetal monitoring and imaging records
- Preserving crash scene evidence and witness accounts
- Notifying the insurance companies and protecting you from pressure tactics

The sooner you call, the sooner we can start building a strong claim for you and your baby.

Georgia Families Turn to Us After Serious Car Accidents

For more than 30 years, our firm has represented families across Georgia who've been through the worst. We've recovered **over \$1 billion** in settlements and verdicts, including high-value cases involving pregnancy trauma, birth injuries, and wrongful death.

Our goal is simple: help you move forward. That means taking the legal burden off your shoulders while you focus on healing and protecting your family.

Talk to a Georgia Car Accident Lawyer If You Were Pregnant in a Crash

If you were in a car accident while pregnant, don't wait. Get medical attention — and legal guidance — right away. The sooner you speak with an attorney, the sooner we can begin protecting your rights and preserving critical evidence.

[Contact the Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates today](#) for a free consultation. Let Georgia's Power Law Firm fight for the justice and support your family deserves.