What to Know About Broken Arm Injuries From Car Accidents in Georgia

Fractures, Recovery, and What It Takes to Win a Claim

A broken arm can change everything after a car accident. Whether it's a clean break or a complex fracture that requires surgery, the pain and disruption are often immediate and long-lasting. From missed work and daily limitations to mounting medical bills and legal red tape, a broken arm is more than an injury. It's a serious obstacle to your recovery.

At the Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates, our Georgia car accident lawyers have seen firsthand how something as "common" as a fractured arm can turn a crash victim's life upside down. And we've fought for those victims, securing the compensation they need to heal, get back to work, and move forward.

If you broke your arm in a Georgia car accident, here's what you need to know about the legal, medical, and insurance challenges ahead and how to protect your rights every step of the way.

Broken Arms Are Among the Most Frequent Crash Injuries in Georgia

The human arm is made up of three main bones: the humerus (upper arm), the radius, and ulna (forearm). In a violent collision, especially one involving high speeds or rollovers, these bones can fracture due to blunt force trauma, compression, or sudden brac ing against the steering wheel or dashboard.

Some of the most common types of arm fractures in crash cases include:

- Distal radius fractures (near the wrist)
- Mid-shaft humerus fractures
- Olecranon (elbow) fractures
- Comminuted fractures, where the bone breaks into multiple pieces
- Open fractures, where the bone pierces the skin
- Growth plate injuries in children and teens

Car accidents often involve unnatural forces and awkward angles, which can lead to more severe or unstable fractures than typical falls or sports injuries. Victims may require surgery, plates and screws, casting, or long-term physical therapy.

Common Scenarios That Lead to Arm Injuries in Car Crashes

In our decades of legal work, we've helped clients with arm injuries resulting from all types of accidents, including:

- **T-bone Collisions:** Arms are often crushed or braced during side-impact crashes.

- **Rollover Accidents:** The body twists violently, increasing the chance of mid-arm fractures.
- **Rear-End Crashes:** Reflexively extending your arms to brace can cause fractures in wrists and elbows.
- **Airbag Deployment:** The explosive force of an airbag can cause bone fractures in the forearm or hand.
- **Motorcycle Accidents:** Riders are especially vulnerable to arm fractures during ejection or skidding.

Each of these scenarios presents unique challenges when it comes to proving how the injury occurred and showing the full impact on your daily life.

What's the Value of a Broken Arm Injury Claim in Georgia?

There's no one-size-fits-all answer, but the compensation you may be entitled to depends on several factors, including:

- Type and severity of fracture
- Whether surgery was required
- Recovery time and limitations
- Impact on your work and income
- Scarring or permanent disability
- Pain, suffering, and emotional distress

For example, a simple, nondisplaced fracture that heals in six weeks with a cast may result in a smaller settlement than a displaced or open fracture that requires hardware and months of rehabilitation. If the injury limits your ability to return to work, especially if you rely on your arms for manual labor, you may also qualify for lost earning capacity damages.

We've handled broken arm cases for everyone from teachers and nurses to construction workers and mechanics. In each case, the key to maximizing co
mpensation is proving how the injury disrupted the victim's ability to earn a living, care for themselves, and enjoy life.

How Insurance Companies Try to Devalue Arm Injuries

Even when X-rays clearly show a broken bone, insurance companies will still look for ways to minimize your claim. Some of their tactics include:

- Claiming the break wasn't caused by the crash
- Arguing that your injury was "mild" or should have healed quickly
- Blaming you for the accident
- Disputing lost income if you didn't miss "enough" work

- Ignoring long-term limitations or complications

Some insurers may even try to settle early, before you've had a full medical workup or reached maximum recovery, offering a lowball amount that doesn't reflect your future needs. That's why you shouldn't agree to anything or sign any paperwork until you've talked with an experienced Georgia car accident lawyer.

At Gary Martin Hays & Associates, our attorneys handle all communication with the insurance companies. We gather the records, work with your doctors, and bring in the right experts to document the tr
ue cost of your broken arm injury.

The Medical and Legal Importance of Following Through With Treatment

After an accident, many people are overwhelmed with pain, stress, and financial pressure. Some skip follow-up care, delay physical therapy, or fail to keep medical appointments. Unfortunately, insurers often use these gaps in treatment as an excuse to reduce compensation.

A strong legal case begins with thorough and accurate medical documentation. That includes:

- Emergency room records
- Imaging (X-rays, CT scans, MRIs)
- Surgical notes (if applicable)
- Physical therapy reports
- Functional capacity evaluations
- Notes from orthopedic specialists

We help our clients stay organized and informed throughout the treatment process, allowing them to focus on healing while we build a rock-solid case.

How a Broken Arm Can Impact Your Daily Life

The real cost of a fractured arm isn't always captured in medical bills. Daily tasks become obstacles. Dressing, bathing, cooking, or picking up a child can suddenly feel impossible.

Depending on which arm was injured, you may struggle to drive, return to work, or even sleep comfortably. If complications arise, such as nerve damage, chronic pain, or reduced range of motion, the effects can linger long after the cast is removed.

These non-economic damages matter. In Georgia, crash victims are entitled to compensation for pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, and emotional distress. Our job is to prove those invisible losses with clarity and care.

We Won’t Let the Insurance Company Minimize Your Broken Arm

Insurance companies love to label certain injuries as “minor.” And broken arms often fall into that trap. They’ll say it’s just a fracture, that everyone heals, that you’re not “seriously” hurt.

But we see the full story. We see the mom who couldn’t pick up her toddler. The laborer who missed six months of work. The young athlete who lost a scholarship. These aren’t minor injuries. They’re life-altering events for the people living through them.

That’s why we never rush a settlement. We don’t treat broken arm claims as easy wins or low priorities. We invest the same time, care, and legal firepower as we would for any catastrophic injury, because the outcome still shapes someone’s future.

If You Broke Your Arm in a Georgia Car Crash, We’re Here to Help

A broken arm may be a common injury, but your case, your life, and your recovery are anything but ordinary.

At the Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates, our Georgia car accident attorneys fight to make sure insurance companies take your injury seriously and pay what’s fair. We’ll guide you through every step, from the initial consultation to the final resolution.

Let’s talk about what happened and how we can help you get the justice and compensation you deserve. Contact us today for a free case review.