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### WHAT'S A WHIPPER WORTH?

You're sitting at the intersection waiting for the light to turn green. All of a sudden you're hit from behind - BANG! Your neck snaps backward as your car is propelled forward. Then it snaps forward as your car suddenly strikes the vehicle in front of you.

Not a problem if your neck was made of rubber! It can be a big problem however for the muscles and tissues that make up the human neck and shoulders. These tissues that can be damaged by the force of the whipping motion of your head and are responsible for the pain and swelling that follows.

Unfortunately some individuals are reluctant to recognize the severity of this injury and dismiss it as some imaginary phenomenon. However, for those that have experienced the pain first hand it is no laughing matter. The explain can be disabling and unrelenting.

As a personal injury lawyer I am often asked what the appropriate amount of compensation is for a whiplash injury. Unfortunately there is no simple answer. For instance there is no law that says a mild whiplash injury is limited to an award of \$6,500 dollars.

The amount of compensation to which you are entitled will depend on several factors including: the severity of the injury, the degree to which you are disabled, and the length of time it will take until you make a full recovery. To determine the appropriate amount of damages it is necessary to fully understand the impact the injury has had upon you to date as well as how it will affect you in the future.

Each injury is unique and each person will heal on their own terms and according to their own time frame. Fortunately our law recognizes this fact and provides for an award of damages that is tailor made to your case.\*



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