

8-point Injury Severity Questionnaire

Subjective Injury Severity Rating

Answer the questions below using the following scale: 0 = Not at all 1 = Somewhat 2 = Significantly

(A) Hit by a larger vehicle	
(B) Our car was pushed	Severity/Prognosis Scale ¹⁻³⁾
(C) Our car was moving slower than the other.	0-5 = Mild; small likelihood
(D) Our car was impacted on the side or front	of long-term symptoms
(E) I have a relatively small body frame, thin neck	6-10 = Moderate likelihood of long-term symptoms
(F) Pain before the accident in the same area	>10 = Severe; high likelihood
(G) Pain within 12 hours of accident	of long-term symptoms
(H) Tingling in your legs or arms	
(I) If rear-impact, top of headrest below ears	
(J) If female, add 2 points	
(K) My head was turned add 1 if significantly	
(L) If side-impact, add 2 points	
TOTAL SCORE	

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	LOW Localized &/or Subtle Dysfunction or Damage				MODERATE Regional &/or Moderate Dysfunction or Damage			HIGH Regional &/or Dramatic Dysfunction or Damage			MUSCLE	EN	L	BONE
Region involved	(w/No Tearing)				(w/ Partial Tearing)			(w/ Significant Tearing)				LIGAMEN	JOINT	
Head	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Neck	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
TMJ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Upper back	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Lower Back		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
(SI) Joints	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Extremities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
Cent. Nerv. Sys.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
OVERALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				

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