Birth injuries embody the worst fears of all expecting parents. They can cause a child and their family pain, suffering and a lifetime of expensive medical care. Sadly, so many birth injuries are preventable. Let’s look at some of the most common birth injuries, along with some statistics and potential causes of preventable birth injuries.

**TYPES OF BIRTH INJURIES**

- Fractures
- Brain injuries or brain damage
- Cerebral Palsy
- Bleeding of or around the brain
- Oxygen deprivation - hypoxia
- Shoulder trauma and brachial plexus injuries
- Wrongful death

**BIRTH INJURY STATISTICS**

28,000 birth injuries occur every year in the U.S. There are 6 to 8 birth injuries per 1,000 births.

33% of birth injuries are more likely to occur in more remote areas than they are in metropolitan areas.

50% of birth injuries are potentially avoidable with recognition and anticipation of birth-related risk factors.

**NEGLIGENCE CAUSING BRAIN INJURIES CAN INCLUDE:**

- Improper use of medical tools or equipment
- Inattentive staff
- Failure to perform necessary medical procedures
- Medical equipment failure

IF YOUR BABY’S INJURIES WERE THE RESULT OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE OR NEGLIGENCE...

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