

# General Injury Statistics

## General/Road



- 11% of severe motorcycle injuries - Spinal Injuries
- Of which 27% Cervical injuries
- In addition a further 1-5% of less severe injuries were spinal injuries.
- 60% of vertebral injuries resulting in death are cervical injuries

## MotoCross/SuperCross



In **AMA MotoCross** statistics from **2001-2005** (no braces):

- In 894 rider events - 142 accidents, 7% resulted vertebral fractures of which **50% were cervical**
- 2% of injuries resulted in neurological impairments

## Military



- In **U.S service** members from **1997 to 2007** motorcycle accident related **injuries and deaths increased by 94% and 144% respectively.**
- In 4137 hospitalizations, 181 (4.4%) were vertebral column fractures – **2<sup>nd</sup> most common fracture area for upper torso after clavicle.**

- Typically 2-5% of motorcycle injuries are cervical injuries
- Typically 10% of more serious injuries are cervical injuries
- Besides head and chest injuries, cervical spine injuries result in the most fatalities in motorcycle road accidents.

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