

Birth Paralysis

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Birth Paralysis is when a newborn has a loss of strength in and control over a muscle or group of muscles in a part of the body. Many times, this is caused by a problem in the chain of nerve cells that runs from the body part to the brain and back again. These nerve cells deliver the signals for your muscles to move. Paralysis may be in any part of a baby's body.

There are many types and degrees of paralysis. The condition can be:

- **Partial** - when there is some muscle control (sometimes called paresis)
- **Complete** - when it's not possible move the muscles at all
- **Permanent** - when muscle control never comes back
- **Temporary** - when some or all muscle control returns
- **Flaccid** - when the muscles get flabby and shrink
- **Spastic** - when the muscles are tight and hard and jerk

Generalized paralysis is broken down based on how much of the body is paralyzed:

- **Monoplegia** - one limb only, such an arm or leg
- **Hemiplegia** - affects one side of the body
- **Diplegia** - affects the same area on both sides of the body, such as both arms or both sides of the face
- **Paraplegia** - affects both legs and may include the trunk.
- **Quadriplegia** - affects both arms and both legs and often the neck down, including the heart, lungs, and other organs

Paralysis can be caused by genetic conditions but can also be caused by an injury during birth to the brain, spinal cord or nervous system.

Doctoral negligence

There are numerous complications at birth that can cause paralysis, and these may be caused by negligence or errors by doctors or nurses involved in the delivery. Mother and baby need to be closely monitored during and after birth to ensure that these injuries do not happen. If your baby has suffered birth-related paralysis and it was caused by medical negligence, you should understand your legal options.

Free consultation on your case by a Chicago-based birth injury lawyer

The birth paralysis lawyers at Romanucci & Blandin have proven success in these types of cases. **If you or a loved one has suffered injury or wrongful death, please contact our office at Info@rblaw.net, 312-458-1000 or [click here](#) for a free evaluation of your case. There is never a fee until you are compensated for your injuries at the end of the case.**