

DID YOU KNOW?

CAR SEAT BACKS CAN COLLAPSE

Seatback collapse litigation has been ongoing between injured consumers and the automobile industry for at least thirty years. Despite years of litigation and millions of dollars paid to injured consumers, the industry continues to put cheap seats into the market that ultimately fail.

As a result of the continued output of cheap seats, seat back collapse lawsuits are, unfortunately, still alive and well. Imagine you are a driver or passenger in a vehicle that is stopped at a stop sign.



Your car is rear-ended by another driver at a moderate speed – typically 20 to 35 miles per hour. Even though the crash was one that should have only resulted in minor injuries, you have permanent catastrophic injuries. Your seat back collapsed, throwing you violently backwards. Seat back collapse can cause injuries like a ruptured spinal cord or cause the head to hit the back of the vehicle. You are paralyzed or suffer a catastrophic head injury due to the structure of a collapsed seat back.

Tragically, the worst of these cases involve injuries to back seated children. When a seat back collapses, if there is a child seated directly in back of the occupant whose seat collapses, the child can be injured when the front seated occupant's head slams into the child's face or chest.

Fortunately, some manufacturers build good seats that are designed to protect occupants. However, other manufacturers design their seats to only pass the minimum safety standard. This still happens today with certain lower end makes and models, and as a result, for certain cars, moderate rear end crashes will continue to result in seat backs collapsing and occupants being injured.



If you or a loved one has questions about a defective product injury lawsuit, please call 941-979-9010.

