

Neck pain is very common, even without an accident or injury. With an increase in the number of cars on our road approximately 1 in 200 people now have a minor neck injury/whiplash each year. It is usually not to serious and permanent damage is unlikely.

Whiplash injuries usually affect the working parts of your neck – the muscles, ligaments and small joints.

Some facts about whiplash:

- Most whiplash injuries are not serious Usually the muscles are worst affected and discs, bones, ligaments are usually ok.
- You may also experience back pain in addition to your neck pain.
- You may suffer from headaches this is usually due to tight muscles around the neck.
- The initial acute pain will usually settle after a week or so.
- Some people have a delayed onset of pain this means the symptoms can start a few days following the injury.
- Permanent damage is usually rare and long-term symptoms tend to resolve completely.

Most whiplash injuries are not serious - depending on the type of accident you may have been involved in, you may have already been taken to A&E or have been reviewed by your GP. This is useful to ensure nothing serious has occurred.

The symptoms of whiplash can be controlled and managed. Physiotherapy plays a key role in this process. Proactive Physio offers treatment and advice which can facilitate this process. We also prepare assessments and reports for your insurance company dealing with your claim.

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