

## WHY DATA ENTRY IS IMPORTANT

1. Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Registry reporting (AHSCIR) reporting is required by law.
2. Data entry provides the ability to link certain head and/or spinal cord injury patients to potential resources.
3. Data can be used to improve the current trauma system through data research and analysis.

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Additional information including: training videos, the portal link, user manuals, Answer Fact Sheet, "No Trauma Report" link, and more can be found at [alabamapublichealth.gov/atr](http://alabamapublichealth.gov/atr)



# ALABAMA TRAUMA REGISTRY/ ALABAMA HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY REGISTRY

**IT'S ABOUT THE DATA**  
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**The Alabama Trauma Registry (ATR)** is a system that supports collection, storage, and subsequent analysis of trauma-related data on a statewide level.

Head and spinal cord injury data is collected from all Alabama hospitals.

**Facilities must include all reportable head and spinal cord injuries that meet the following criteria:**

- Patients diagnosed or treated and admitted to acute care hospital facility in the state.
- All confirmed cases of head and spinal cord injury as a primary and/

or secondary diagnosis meeting certain criteria must be reported. (Criteria for head and spinal cord cases is listed on ATR Reportable Diagnosis webpage).

ADPH provides required information to Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services for potential service linkage. Complete, accurate, and timely data is needed to prevent delays in the process.

ADRS contacts eligible patients about available services. Therefore, contact and alternate contact information is critical for this linkage to services.

Trauma data is collected from all hospitals that participate in the Alabama Trauma System (ATS).

**Information gained from the data serves two purposes:**

1. To expedite and secure resource availability to trauma patients, especially those who have received debilitating injuries by linking patients with rehabilitation services.
2. To improve the current trauma system through data research and analysis.

AHSCIR Annual Reports can be found at: [alabamapublichealth.gov/atr](http://alabamapublichealth.gov/atr)

**Each facility enters their data into the system. Hospitals are requested to report monthly but required to report every 90 days.**

