

\$300,000 Award for a Snowboarding Accident

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In February 2015, plaintiff, a minor, was attending a party at the defendant's house where alcohol was being served. He was encouraged to bring his snowboard to the party and he did so. At the party, Plaintiff observed a snowboard jump made out of snow, located approximately 10-15 yards from the back of the defendant's house. More than 6 hours after arriving at the party, plaintiff went to the top of the hill and attempted to snowboard down the hill and use the snow ramp. It is estimated that the plaintiff flew 20-25 feet in the air and landed on his head and neck. He was rendered unconscious.

As a result of this accident, plaintiff sustained a burst fracture involving the C4 vertebral body necessitating C4 corpectomy with anterior fusion; a revision surgery and C4 corpectomy, C5-6 radical discectomy with placement of interbody cage and anterior C3-6 fusion, which followed with a posterior C3-6 segmental instrumental fusion and arthrodesis; a compression fracture of the anterosuperior aspect of the T11 vertebral body; a fracture of the right pedicle of the T3 vertebral body; and a fracture of the superior endplate at L4.

Defendant claims plaintiff was not invited to the party. Therefore, due to issues of liability, the case was settled prior to trial in the amount of \$300,000, half of the defendant's available \$600,000 in maximum insurance coverage.