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| **Level of injury** | **Possible impairment** | **Rehabilitation potential** |
| **C2 - C3** | Usually fatal as a result of inability to breathe | Totally dependent for all care |
| **C4** | Quadriplegia and breathing difficulty | Dependent for all cares; usually needs a ventilator |
| **C-5** | Quadriplegia with some shoulder and elbow function | May be able to feed self using assistive devices; usually can breathe without a ventilator, but may need other types of respiratory support |
| **C6** | Quadriplegia with shoulder, elbow, and some wrist function | May be able to propel a wheelchair inside on smooth surfaces; may be able to help feed, groom, and dress self; dependent on others for transfers |
| **C7** | Quadriplegia with shoulder, elbow, wrist, and some hand function | May be able to propel a wheelchair outside, transfer self, and drive a car with special adaptions; may be able to help with bowel and bladder programs |
| **C8** | Quadriplegia with normal arm function; hand weakness | May be able to propel a wheelchair outside, transfer self, and drive a car with special adaptions; may be able to help with bowel and bladder programs |
| **T1 - T6** | Paraplegia with loss of function below mid-chest; full control of arms | Independent with self-care and in wheelchair; able to be employed full time |
| **T6 - T12** | Paraplegia with loss of function below the waist; good control of torso | Good sitting balance; greater ability for operation of a wheelchair and athletic activities |
| **L1 - L5** | Paraplegia with varying degrees of muscle involvement in the legs | May be able to walk short distances with braces and assistive devices |

