Spinal Cord Injury Videos

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Drama

- **Aaltra.** Fair Lawn, NJ: Film Movement, 2006. DVD. (90 minutes)
  Dark comedy from Belgium. Two rural neighbors get in a fight and a tractor falls on them, paralyzing both. They decide to travel across Europe to seek revenge against the tractor’s manufacturer. French with English subtitles.

- **Above Suspicion.** New York: HBO Video, 1994. DVD. (95 minutes)
  Dempsey Cain is an honored cop, a loving husband and father, and mentor to his handsome younger brother. But when a drug dealer’s bullet paralyzes him for life, Dempsey’s world turns upside down. Starring Christopher Reeve, Joe Mantegna, and Kim Cattrall.

- **The Athlete.** P.F.A. Films, 2012. DVD (92 minutes)
  This docu-drama covers the life of Ethiopian Olympic gold medalist Abebe Bikila. Bikila won the Olympic marathon twice. He was paralyzed when he was struck by a car and had to start a new life.

- **Avatar.** Beverly Hills, CA: Twentieth Century Fox, 2010. DVD. (162 minutes)
  When his twin brother dies in an accident, paraplegic ex-Marine Jake Sully takes his place on a mission to the human outpost on Pandora.

- **Bad News Bears.** Paramount, 2005. DVD. (113 minutes)
  This remake stars Billy Bob Thornton as a Little League coach. One of his players is a boy who is a paraplegic wheelchair user.
- **Beeswax.** The Cinema Guild, 2010. DVD. (92 minutes)
  The film revolves around the lives of twin sisters in the retail business, one of whom is paraplegic.

- **The Best of Men: The Birth of the Paralympic Games.** PBS, 2014. DVD (90 minutes)
  Dr. Guttmann revolutionized the care of paraplegics when he arrived at England’s Stoke Mandeville hospital in the middle of World War II. Tells the true tale of the birth of the Paralympic Games.

- **Bone Collector.** Universal, 2000. (118 minutes)
  Denzel Washington stars as a quadriplegic homicide investigator.

- **Born on the Fourth of July.** Universal City, CA: Universal, 1989. DVD (145 minutes)
  Based on the true story of Ron Kovic, a Vietnam War veteran. Starring Tom Cruise as Kovic.

- **Breaking the Waves.** Evergreen International, 1999. (159 minutes) DVD
  Emily Watson stars as a naïve young woman who marries Jan an oil-rig worker. Jan is paralyzed in an accident.

- **Brothers: The Complete First Season.** Culver City, CA: Sony, 2012. 2 DVDs
  This 2009 television series features Daryl “Chill” Mitchell as a paraplegic who is trying to hold onto his bar with help from his NFL star brother played by Michael Strahan.

- **Coach of the Year.** Miracle Pictures, 1980. DVD. (90 minutes)
  Robert Conrad stars as a former pro football player who is paralyzed during the Vietnam War. He returns and coaches a football team in a youth prison.

- **Closer and Closer.** Power Pictures, 1995. DVD. (93 minutes)
  Kim Delaney stars as a paraplegic author.

- **Coming Home.** Santa Monica, CA: MGM/UA Home Video, 1978. DVD (128 minutes)
  Jon Voight plays a paraplegic dealing with the shattering aftermath of the Vietnam War. Starring Jane Fonda, Jon Voight, and Bruce Dern.

- **Danielle Steel’s Palomino.** Troy, MI: Anchor Bay Entertainment, 1997. Distributed by NBC Home Video. (95 minutes)
  Sam visits the horse ranch of a friend and is paralyzed in a riding accident.

- **Dark Angel, Season 1.** Beverly Hills, CA: Twentieth Century Fox, 2003. 6 DVDs.
TV series featuring Jessica Alba. One of the main male characters is paraplegic from a gunshot wound.

- **The Dive from Clausen’s Pier.** Lifetime, 2010. DVD (88 minutes)
  Just as Carrie realizes she is no longer in love with her fiancé, he has a diving accident that leaves him paralyzed. Carrie heads to NYC to meet an older man and attempts to figure out her place in the world.

- **Everything That Rises.** Burbank, CA: Warner Home Video, 1998. VHS (95 minutes)

- **The Ex.** 2929 Productions, 2006. DVD.
  Jason Bateman plays a paraplegic in this comedy.

- **Extreme Measures.** Castle Rock Entertainment, 1996. (118 minutes)
  A physician unethically uses the homeless for operations to find a cure for paralysis. Stars Hugh Grant and Gene Hackman.

- **Fireworks.** New Yorker Video, 1998. (103 minutes).
  An ex-cop is haunted by the shooting of his partner which left him a wheelchair user. In Japanese with English subtitles.

- **Friday Night Lights: The First Season.** Universal City, CA: Universal, 2007. 5 DVDs.
  TV show. One of the high school football players is paralyzed and uses a wheelchair. Shows him doing some rehab and playing wheelchair rugby.

- **Friday Night Lights: The Second Season.** Universal City, CA: Universal, 2008. 4 DVDs.
  TV show. The former high school football player is paralyzed and uses a wheelchair. He is now a football coach and travels to Mexico to see if he wants to participate in alternative therapies.

- **Friday Night Lights: The Third Season.** Universal City, CA: Universal, 2009. 4 DVDs.
  TV show. The former high school football player is paralyzed and uses a wheelchair. He must support a baby now and tries to adjust to his new responsibilities.

- **Gattaca.** Columbia Pictures, 2005. (106 minutes)
  Sci-fi movie stars Uma Thurman, Ethan Hawke and Jude Law. Jude Law plays a paraplegic.

A TV series about a high school glee club. Features glee club member Artie as a wheelchair user.

- **Good Luck.** A-Pix Entertainment, 1996. DVD (92 minutes)
  Stars Gregory Hines as a paraplegic.

- **He Was a Quiet Man.** Burbank, CA: Anchor Bay, 2007 DVD. (95 minutes)
  Christian Slater stars as a man with voices in his head and a loaded gun in his desk drawer at work. Elisha Cuthbert plays a high level quadriplegic who is the object of his affection.

- **Inside Man.** Universal, 2006. DVD (129 minutes)
  Daryl “Chill” Mitchell, a paraplegic, portrays a New York City policeman.

- **Ironside: Season One.** Los Angeles: Shout! Factory, 2007. 8 DVDs.
  Raymond Burr stars as a chief of detectives playing a character who uses a wheelchair after a shooting paralyzed him.

- **It’s Good to Be Alive.** United American 1991. VHS. (99 minutes)
  The story of baseball player Roy Campanella. Features Paul Winfield and Lou Gossett, Jr.

  The lead character’s brother lives with paraplegia from a car accident.

- **Joni.** World Wide Pictures Home Video, 1979. VHS and DVD. (110 minutes)
  A dramatic interpretation of Joni Earekson Tada’s life as a quadriplegic starring Tada as herself.

- **Live Flesh.** MGM, 1997 DVD. (101 minutes)
  Javier Bardem portrays a cop who is left paraplegic in a shooting. In Spanish with English subtitles.

  DVD. (132 minutes)
  Female boxer becomes a quadriplegic.

- **Monkey Shines: An Experiment in Fear.** Orion, 1998. DVD (113 minutes)
  A quadriplegic’s service monkey reads his mind and carries out the man’s dark thoughts.

- **The Men.** Los Angeles: Republic Pictures Corporation, 1950. DVD. (85 minutes)
  Marlon Brando stars as a paraplegic veteran.

- **Morgan.** United Gay Network, 2012. DVD (87 minutes)
Morgan is a young man who is left paraplegic from a bike accident. Morgan falls in love with Dean who helps him train for the same race he was injured in.

- **Notting Hill.** Universal City, CA: Universal Studios, 1999. DVD. (124 minutes) Stars Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant. A female character is a paraplegic from a fall.

- **The Other Side of the Mountain.** Universal City, CA: MCA Universal Home Video, 1986. (102 minutes) DVD True story of Olympic hopeful Jill Kinmont who is left paralyzed after a pre-Olympic competition. Starring Marilyn Hassett, Beau Bridges, and Dabney Coleman.


- **Outside Providence.** Miramax, 96 minutes. DVD. Comedy. The lead character’s younger brother is a wheelchair user due to a spinal cord injury. Stars Alec Baldwin as the father of the family.

- **Passion Fish.** Burbank, CA: Columbia Tristar, 1993. DVD. (135 minutes) Two women are brought together by fate and united with an unlikely friendship. Starring Mary McDonnell and Alfre Woodard.

- **Persons Unknown.** Vanguard. 2007 DVD (95 minutes) Naomi Watts plays a paraplegic wheelchair user and criminal who becomes involved with an ex-cop.

- **The Price of the American Dream.** Van Nuys, CA: Amigo Films, 2002. DVD. This Mexican American family has an adult daughter who is spinal cord injured in a car accident and becomes a paraplegic.

- **Quid Pro Quo.** Los Angeles: Magnolia, 2008. DVD. (82 minutes) The main character is a man with a spinal cord injury. He investigates a group of people who are able bodied but want to be wheelchair users, vent users, etc.

- **Ready Willing & Able.** Gold Pictures. VHS A female CIA agent is determined to continue her career after a spinal cord injury leaves her a wheelchair user.

- **Rear Window.** Artisan Entertainment, 1999. (89 minutes) A remake of Hitchcock’s classic. Stars Christopher Reeve as Jason Kemp, a quadriplegic after a car accident. He is consumed with the lives of the people he can see from his window. He tries to find the answer to why a woman goes
missing, but only ends up trapped alone in a room with a view…to terror. Shows assistive technology and a vent mishap.

- **Remember the Titans.** Walt Disney, 2001. DVD. (114 minutes)
  Denzel Washington stars as a high school football coach. One of his players becomes a paraplegic in a car crash.

  Ellen Burstyn and Sam Shepard star. A woman experiences a car accident that leaves her paralyzed. After returning to life from a clinical death, she is able to heal others.

- **The Sea Inside/Mar Adentro.** New Line Home Entertainment, 2005. DVD (125 minutes)
  Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film. Spaniard Ramón Sampedro (played by Javier Bardem) is a quadriplegic who fights a 30-year campaign to win the right to end his life. In Spanish with English subtitles.

- **The Sweet Hereafter.** New Line Home Video Inc., 1998. DVD (112 minutes).
  Following a tragic school bus accident, a high profile lawyer descends upon a small town. One of the children is left paraplegic as a result of the accident.

- **Tyler Perry’s Diary of a Mad Black Woman.** Santa Monica, CA: Lion’s Gate Films, 2005. DVD. (116 minutes)
  One of the lead characters is paralyzed in a shooting.

- **The Waterdance.** Culver City, CA: Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment, 2001. DVD. (106 minutes)
  Three unlikely friends, all newly paralyzed, learn to live and love again. Set in a rehab facility. Starring Eric Stoltz, Wesley Snipes, William Forsythe, and Helen Hunt.

- **Welcome to Collinwood.** Warner Brothers, 2003. DVD. (86 minutes)
  George Clooney portrays a safecracker in a wheelchair.

- **What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?** Warner Brothers, 1962. DVD. (134 minutes)
  Bette Davis and Joan Crawford star as sisters, one of whom is a wheelchair user.

- **Whose Life Is It Anyway?** MGM/UA, 1982. DVD. (119 minutes)
  Richard Dreyfuss stars as a young sculptor who survives an auto accident only to be permanently paralyzed from the neck down. A judge renders a decision on his right to die.

- **Wild Bill.** MGM, 1995. DVD. (115 minutes)
Bruce Dern portrays a paraplegic gunslinger in a small role. The story of Wild Bill Hickok.

- **Wind Dancer.** Sunset Hill Video, 1998. (90 minutes) DVD
  When a riding accident leaves a young girl unable to walk, her widowed father seeks help from a renowned and beautiful therapist who uses animals to help her patients.


**Documentaries**

- **Accelerating America.** Cinetic, 2008. DVD (90 min.)
  Robert DuBlois is the principal of a school in Rhode Island for inner city youths who are at risk of dropping out. He is also a quadriplegic.

- **Body of War: The True Story of an Anti-War Hero.** Docurama Films, 2008. DVD (87 minutes).
  Paralyzed from the chest down after serving in Iraq for just one week, 25-year-old Tomas Young is forced to deal with the realities of war each and every day.

  True but dramatized version of Mark van Rensburg’s C2 injury, his turning toward God, and his ability to walk again after rehab.

- **Burn.** 2014? DVD (86 minutes)
  A documentary about Detroit’s firefighters that includes a profile on a firefighter paralyzed when a brick building fell on him.

  Bobby was injured while surfing and now produces movies on surfing.

- **Christopher Reeve: Hope in Motion.** Arts Alliance America, 2007. DVD. (102 minutes) [http://www.virgilfilmsent.com](http://www.virgilfilmsent.com) (Arts Alliance America became Virgil) Documentary by Reeve’s son Matthew. Features interviews with Brooke Ellison, Jesse Billauer, Jim MacLaren and a feature on the Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center.

- **Citizen Sam.** National Film Board of Canada, 2006. DVD. [www.nfb.ca](http://www.nfb.ca)
  Profile of Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan who has quadriplegia.

- **Driven from Wheelchair to Race Car.** Fast Forward Films, 2014. DVD (55 minutes).
Mike Bauer was an active person until a motorcycle accident left him with paraplegia and on the verge on suicide. He then designs an adaptive race car so he can race.

- **Go the Distance.** Westminster, MA: Westminster Film, 2002. (57 minutes)
  A documentary of a quad and his personal assistant going on a cross-country trip.

- **The Goal: An Inspirational Story.** Deerfield Beach, FL: Maverick, 2006. (99 minutes)
  A documentary focusing on two athletes who play quad rugby.

- **Invitation to Dance.** Kino Lorber, 2014. DVD (85 min.)
  A documentary about Simi Linton who was injured in 1971 as a college student. She found freedom through dance.

- **Jesse’s Story.** Zzyzx Films, 2010. DVD.
  Jesse Billauer was a promising surfer who was injured as a teen and went on to form the Life Rolls On Foundation, a subsidiary of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation.

- **Lucky: A Film by Laura Longworth.** Brooklyn, NY: Icarus/Fanlight Productions, 2008. DVD. (84 minutes)
  Tom Luckey is a successful artist with his own architecture design business when an accident leaves him quadriplegic. Family drama ensues as he then partners with his son in business and a lot of his care falls on his wife.

- **Mister Spazzman.** Boston: Fanlight Productions, 2006. DVD. (47 minutes)
  At the age of 40, Robert fell out of a tree and broke his neck becoming quadriplegic. Robert is a professional musician.

- **Miya of the Quiet Strength: The Lone Survivor of the University of Iowa Shooting.** Swift Productions, 2008. DVD (57 minutes)
  Following the 1991 shooting, Miya became a quadriplegic.

- **Moment by Moment.** Medfield, MA: Aquarius Health Care Videos, 2002. (56 minutes)
  Documentary of a woman who is quadriplegic and her quest for rehab and improved movement.

- **Never Give Up! Success in Life is an Attitude.** Albany, Ore.: Latitude 34 Productions, 2000. (80 minutes) DVD
  Documentary of Ron Heagy, who lives with quadriplegia, who broke his neck in a surfing accident the day before his 18th birthday. He became an inspirational speaker, mouth painter, author, husband, father, founder of a special needs camp in Oregon, and founder of Life Is An Attitude LLC.
• **Not Just Surviving…Women Living a Full Life With a Spinal Cord Injury.** (40 minutes)

• **Operation Last Patrol.** Cinema Libre, 2005. DVD. (56 minutes)
  Ron Kovic’s journey from soldier to activist is chronicled in this documentary. Captures his world-famous march at the 1972 Republican convention.

• **Passage: A Disabled Dancer Dances Again.** Sherborn, MA: Aquarius Healthcare Videos, 2004. (40 minutes)

• **Secretariat’s Jockey Ron Turcotte.** National Film Board of Canada, 2013. DVD (75 min.)
  Turcotte rode legendary race horse Secretariat to victory in the early 1970s and became a paraplegic in 1978. This documentary follows him back to the people and places that marked his life.

• **The Seeker.** Standing Tall Productions, 2005. DVD. (91 minutes)
  Evan Somers is a 45-year old quadriplegic who does a road trip in his adapted motorcycle.

• **Shirley Adams.** San Francisco, Calif.: Global Film Initiative, 2011. DVD (92 min.)
  Adams is the caregiver of her paraplegic son in South Africa.

• **Silent Thunder.** MidThunder Productions, 2006. DVD (27 minutes) Distributed by VisionMaker Video [www.visionmaker.org](http://www.visionmaker.org)
  Story of Stanford Addison, a Native American elder, horse tamer and quadriplegic.

  14 people with disabilities (including 5 who are wheelchair users) try to climb Mt. Everest.

• **To Have Courage: An Inspiring Story of a Woman’s Recovery From a Serious Spinal Cord Injury.** Sherborn, MA: Aquarius Healthcare Videos, 2005. DVD. (52 minutes)
  Jen French was injured while snowboarding and became a C6/7 quadriplegic. She came across the Cleveland FES Center and became the first woman implanted with the FES system which allows her to stand and walk.

• **Understanding Spinal Cord Injuries.** Henrico County, Va., 2009. DVD (33 min.)

• **Untold Dreams: The Cheryl Angelelli Story.** Troy, MI: Burke Video Co., 2006. DVD. (44 minutes).
Documentary about 2-time Paralympian and national swimming champion, Cheryl Angelelli. She was injured in a diving accident that left her quadriplegic.

**Educational Videos: Clinical**


- **Clinical Kinesiology Applied to Persons With Quadriplegia Part II: Enhancing Function.** Washington DC: Paralyzed Veterans of America, 2001. (53 minutes)

- **Concussions and Spinal Cord Injury.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 1992. (19 minutes) DVD

- **Exercise Program for Individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries: Paraplegia.** Chicago: NCPAD, 2004. VHS and DVD. (85 minutes)

- **Exercise Program for Individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries: Tetraplegia.** Chicago: NCPAD, 2006. VHS and DVD.

- **From the Bench to the Body: Translational Research & Spinal Cord Injury Avoiding Potential Pitfalls.** Miami: University of Miami School of Medicine, 2003. 4 volume set (90 minutes each)
  Covers the issues involved in moving SCI research from the lab to human trials.

- **Living With Spinal Cord Injury series.**
  3 videos entitled Changes, Survivors, and Outside.

  Molly is a paraplegic from a car accident.

- **On My Feet Again: Electronic Implants and Paralysis.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 1996. (48 minutes)

- **Smoking’s Effects on Secondary Complications of Spinal Cord Injury.** Birmingham, AL: University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2009. DVD. (11 minutes)

- **The Spinal Cord Injury Handbook.** HealthSouth Press, 2000. (85 minutes)

- **Spinal Impact.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2000. DVD. (51 minutes)
Explores the promising scientific breakthroughs in treatment including nerve regeneration and electrical stimulation devices.

- **Spinal Injury.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 1987. (19 minutes)

- **Spinal Injury Management Video: Prehospital Care of the Injured Athlete.** Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, 2001. (25 minutes)


- **Spinal Surgery.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2001. DVD. (46 minutes)
  Includes surgery on an elderly woman with spinal stenosis, a woman who needs a bone transplant after her neck was broken, a man who needs disc surgery to relieve his pain, and a man with multiple spinal fractures. Discovery Channel production.

- **The Spine: The Body’s Central Highway.** Lawrenceville, NJ: Cambridge Educational, 2005. VHS and DVD. (13 minutes)
  Looks at the design and function of the spinal cord, how damage to the cord affects body movement, and medical advances used in treating spinal cord injuries.

- **The Toughest Break: Christopher Reeve on Spinal Cord Injury.** Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2000. (57 minutes)
  Narrated by Christopher Reeve. Reenacts a spinal cord injury from accident to rehab. Interviews some scientists on progress in the field.

  Produced by the Shepherd Center in collaboration with the American Trauma Society, the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, and the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. Visit [www.SpinalInjury101.org](http://www.SpinalInjury101.org) to view the video online and download a copy of the companion booklet. Free copies of the DVD can be obtained from the Reeve Foundation, 800-539-7309 (Toll-free).

**Educational Videos: Prevention**


- **On the Edge.** Rolling Meadows, IL: Think First Foundation, 1994. (15 minutes)
SCI/TBI prevention for teens. Also available in Spanish.

- **Paralyzed at 17: A Gavin Miller Film.** Louisiana: Gavin Miller Productions, 2004. DVD. (30 minutes)

- **Project Wipe Out.** Hoag Hospital, 1998. (27 minutes)
  Preventing SCI from surf and beach injuries.

- **Shattered Dreams: Diving Injury Prevention / Regents of the University of Michigan.** West Bloomfield, MI: Evolution Media, 2010. DVD.
  Presents two young men who became spinal cord injured after diving accidents. They tell their stories in hopes of preventing other people from going through the same thing they did. The DVD was made in conjunction with the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Program.

- **Think First for Kids: a comprehensive brain & spinal cord injury prevention program curriculum manual / program of the ThinkFirst Foundation.** Park Ridge, IL: ThinkFirst Foundation, 1996. VHS. (12 minutes)
  Six-lesson curriculum designed to increase awareness of the serious nature of brain and spinal cord injuries and the major causes of these injuries. Also available in Spanish.

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