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Lower Back, Unspecified Location

Critical Indicators of Injuries to Lower Back, Unspecified Location

IMPORTANT: Any mention of pain, injury, or conditions specifically affecting the lower back without specifying the exact area should automatically be classified under "Lower Back, Unspecified Location". These indicators point to injuries or conditions affecting the lower part of the back but not clearly identified as lumbar or lumbo-sacral.

Keywords and Phrases:

- "Lower back pain"
- "Injured lower back"
- "Lower back discomfort"
- "Strained lower back"
- "Hurt my lower back"

Contextual Indicators:

- Incidents where the worker describes general pain or injury to the lower back without specific reference to the lumbar or lumbo-sacral regions.
- Situations where the worker reports lifting, twisting, or similar actions resulting in lower back pain.
- Descriptions of immediate pain or discomfort in the lower back area following an incident.

Example 1: "I lifted a heavy box and now my lower back hurts."

- **Injury Body Part:** Lower Back, Unspecified Location
- **Why this label?** Because the text mentions "lower back" pain without specifying whether it is the lumbar or lumbo-sacral region. This general reference to the lower back is why it is categorized under "Lower Back, Unspecified Location" and not more specific regions.

Example 2: "After bending down to pick up an item, I felt a sharp pain in my lower back."

- **Injury Body Part:** Lower Back, Unspecified Location
 - **Why this label?** The description mentions "sharp pain in my lower back" but does not specify lumbar or lumbo-sacral, hence it fits under "Lower Back, Unspecified Location".
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Lumbar Region

Critical Indicators of Injuries to Lumbar Region

IMPORTANT: Any mention of pain, injury, or conditions specifically affecting the lumbar region should automatically be classified under "Lumbar Region". These indicators point to injuries or conditions affecting the vertebrae or muscles in the lower part of the spine.

Keywords and Phrases:

- "Lumbar pain"
- "Injured lumbar"
- "Lumbar strain"
- "Hurt my lumbar region"
- "Lumbar vertebrae injury"

Contextual Indicators:

- Incidents where the worker describes pain or injury specifically in the lumbar region.
- Situations where the worker reports lifting, twisting, or similar actions resulting in lumbar pain.
- Descriptions of immediate pain or discomfort in the lumbar area following an incident.

Example 1: "I twisted my body while lifting and now I have severe lumbar pain."

- **Injury Body Part:** Lumbar Region

- **Why this label?** Because the text explicitly mentions "lumbar pain," indicating a specific injury to the lumbar region, distinguishing it from other parts of the lower back.

Example 2: "I slipped and fell, landing on my lower back and injuring my lumbar vertebrae."

- **Injury Body Part:** Lumbar Region
 - **Why this label?** The description specifies "lumbar vertebrae," which clearly indicates an injury to the lumbar region rather than a general lower back area.
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Lumbo-Sacral Region

Here are 10 symptoms of a lumbo-sacral region injury, according to reliable medical sources:

1. **Localized Lower Back Pain:** Sharp or dull pain localized to the lumbar (lower back) or sacral (base of the spine) region is common.
2. **Radiating Pain:** Pain that radiates from the lower back down into the buttocks, and sometimes down the legs, often indicates involvement of the sciatic nerve.
3. **Muscle Spasms:** Involuntary contractions or spasms in the muscles surrounding the lumbo-sacral region can occur.
4. **Limited Range of Motion:** Difficulty or pain when trying to bend, twist, or move the lower back can indicate an injury in this region.
5. **Tenderness on Palpation:** Sensitivity or tenderness when pressing on the lower back and sacral area can be a symptom of injury.
6. **Stiffness:** Stiffness in the lower back, especially after periods of inactivity or upon waking, is a common symptom.
7. **Weakness in Lower Extremities:** Weakness or a feeling of instability in the legs can be associated with nerve involvement in the lumbo-sacral region.
8. **Pain Worsened by Activity:** Pain that increases with physical activities such as lifting, bending, or prolonged standing or sitting.
9. **Numbness or Tingling:** Although less common than pain, some individuals may experience numbness or tingling in the lower back, buttocks, or legs, indicating nerve irritation or compression.
10. **Bladder or Bowel Dysfunction:** Severe cases, such as cauda equina syndrome, can lead to loss of bladder or bowel control, requiring immediate medical attention.

These symptoms are recognized by sources such as the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the Mayo Clinic, and medical texts on spinal health.

Example 1: "I work in the intensive care unit. As I was sliding open the sliding glass doors I felt a sharp pull in the right side of my lower back. Some of the doors are quite difficult to open. The pain travelled across both buttocks. No numbness or tingling. I finished my shift."

- **Injury Body Part:** Lumbo-Sacral Region
 - **Why this label?** Because the text mentions pain in the right side of the lower back, which can be more precisely associated with the lumbo-sacral region, a defined anatomical area. The pain is noted to travel across both buttocks, a characteristic often linked with issues in the lumbo-sacral region, such as sacroiliac joint dysfunction or lumbar disc problems. The description's consistency with pain pathways related to the lumbo-sacral region supports a more specific annotation. The involved muscles and nerves align with the anatomical boundaries of the lumbo-sacral region rather than an undefined lower back area.
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Multiple Back Regions

Keywords and Phrases:

- "Back pain in multiple areas"
- "Injured different parts of my back"
- "Upper and lower back pain"
- "Multiple back injuries"

Contextual Indicators:

- Incidents where the worker describes pain or injury in multiple regions of the back.
- Situations where the worker reports symptoms affecting various parts of the back simultaneously.
- Descriptions of immediate pain or discomfort in multiple back areas following an incident.

Example 1: "I fell off a ladder and now I have pain in both my upper and lower back."

- **Injury Body Part:** Multiple Back Regions
- **Why this label?** Because the text mentions "pain in both my upper and lower back," indicating injuries in multiple regions of the back, distinguishing it from single-region injuries like lumbar or lower back.

Example 2: "After a car accident, I am experiencing pain throughout my entire back."

- **Injury Body Part:** Multiple Back Regions
 - **Why this label?** The description specifies "pain throughout my entire back," clearly indicating multiple back regions are affected, making it distinct from injuries confined to a specific area.
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Multiple Trunk Locations

Critical Indicators of Injuries to Multiple Trunk Locations

Any mention of pain, injury, or conditions affecting more than one specific location within the trunk (chest, abdomen, torso, or pelvis) should be classified under "Multiple Trunk Locations". These indicators point to injuries or conditions impacting various parts of the trunk simultaneously.

Contextual Indicators:

- Incidents where the worker describes pain or injury in multiple distinct regions of the trunk.
- Situations where the worker reports symptoms affecting various parts of the trunk simultaneously.
- Descriptions of immediate pain or discomfort in multiple trunk areas following an incident.

Example 1: "I was involved in a car crash and now I have pain in my chest and pelvis."

- **Injury Body Part:** Multiple Trunk Locations
- **Why this label?** Because the text mentions "pain in my chest and lower back," indicating injuries in multiple locations within the trunk.

Example 2: "A heavy object fell on me, causing injuries to my abdomen and lumbar region."

- **Injury Body Part:** Multiple Trunk Locations

- **Why this label?** The description specifies "injuries to my abdomen and lumbar region," clearly indicating multiple trunk locations are affected, making it distinct from injuries confined to the lumbar or lower back regions alone.