

British Snowboarder's Heel Injury at PyeongChang

The injury rate at the Winter Olympics is astonishingly high with many athletes having their dreams ruined by falls. At Sochi four years ago 49% of the participants in ski aerials were injured!

The main areas of injury are bone and **ligament** of the knees, **ankles** and hips.

British Snowboarder Katie Ormerod had an unlucky fracture to her left heel bone (calcaneum). From the news we understand that she had surgical treatment and will embark on the road to recovery which means lots of intensive **post-op rehabilitation** and a gradual return to her sport over the next six months.

Calcaneal fractures most often happen with an axial load to the heel bone. In the majority of cases, it would include intra-articular damage which can be challenging for surgical and post operative treatment. Importantly, the dynamics of such an axial injury could also affect the **low back**, **neck** and **thoracic spine** including other joints and soft tissues.

Ongoing clinical assessment and specific rehabilitation is necessary to achieve full recovery after a heel fracture. We wish Katie Ormerod a full recovery and successful return to her sport!

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