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# Degloving Injuries



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## What is degloving?



Degloving, also called avulsion, is a type of severe injury that happens when the top layers of your skin and tissue are ripped from the underlying muscle, connective tissue, or bone. It can affect any body part, but it's more common in the legs. Degloving injuries are often life-threatening. This is because they involve large amounts of blood loss and tissue death.

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