



GUIDE TO AN ACCIDENT CLAIM

If you have had an accident that required medical attention in the last three years and you think someone else might be to blame (or partly to blame) then you may be entitled to claim for compensation. The most common claims for compensation include road traffic accidents, accidents at work, slips or trips, passenger in a car, bus, train or taxi or public liability.

The First Steps

- We would take details of the circumstances of the accident in a meeting with yourself. As members of the Law Society approved Accident Line Scheme you would be entitled to a free 30-minute interview.
- Upon taking all necessary information as to the circumstance of the accident, we would consider the issue of who is to blame for the incident. We would then advise you as to the prospects of success and consider the funding of the action.
- We would consider the option of entering into a Conditional Fee Agreement, sometimes known as a 'no win no fee' agreement.
- After the necessary information is assembled, we would then write to the third party or the insurance company setting out the reasons why we hold them responsible for the accident.

What you should be doing

It is important for you to keep all documents relating to your accident in a safe place.

These will include: -

- Any expenses and receipts relating to your injuries e.g. taxi fare receipts and prescription receipts or for purchasing any items of special equipment.
- All documents relating to your treatment e.g. hospital appointment cards. Keeping a diary of the accident's effects can be very helpful.
- If the claim is against your employer you will need your Contract of Employment and your Job Description.
- You should be keeping all wage slips that you have in relation to your earnings, both pre and post accident.

Evidence that will be required

- The evidence in support of your claim for the personal injuries you have suffered will be in the form of a medical report. We will choose the appropriate medical expert in relation to the injuries that you have sustained. For instance, in the case of a skeletal injury a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and in the case of scarring, a Consultant Plastic Surgeon.
- In the case of serious injuries, we will require more than one report.
- The evidence in support of your specific losses and future losses such as loss of earnings will be by way of receipts, payslips, P60s and audited accounts where necessary.

**THE ABOVE IS ONLY A GUIDE AND IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS
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