



SGC Solicitors

HAVE YOU BEEN INJURED AND THINKING OF MAKING A CLAIM?

Many people during their lives have accidents and suffer injury, which not only involve pain and discomfort, but can also have knock on effects, affecting their lives. Whether this causes a temporary or long term problem, there are still many people who do not realise that they may be able apply for compensation and help with making a claim.

TYPES OF CLAIMS

- Road Traffic Accidents
- Accident at Work and Industrial related ailments
- Criminal Injuries
- Repetitive Strain Injuries
- Tripping Accidents and others

The legal position is that if someone else is wholly or partly to blame for your accident, then you may be entitled to compensation. We can provide a free assessment of your prospects of succeeding in a claim and advise whether another person or body, such as your employer, other driver, the Council, or for example, a seller of manufacturer's faulty goods, is liable to you.

HOW YOUR CASE WILL BE FUNDED:

There are various ways of funding a case and it is important to consider the various options:

- Legal Aid

Legal Aid is still available for some people to pursue personal injury claim, although the Legal Aid Board have announced that such funding will cease in the near future. In the meantime subject to an assessment of means and merits you may be entitled to legal aid. Starkie & Gregory are authorised by the Legal Aid Board to provide Legal Aid services by virtue of their Legal Aid Franchise. (See our home page for details)

- Private Insurance

We are always prepared to act under the terms of Legal Expenses Insurance Cover for those persons who have the benefit of it.

- No Win No Fee

It is almost certainly going to be in your interests if we pursue a claim, to do so under what is called the "no-win no-fee" Agreements, whereby if you lose your case, you pay nothing to this firm in respect of your own legal costs.

When pursuing a case it is possible that you may lose. In this case you may be responsible for paying the other sides legal costs. It is therefore essential under these types of agreements that you pay a one off insurance premium fee when entering into the agreement. If then court proceedings are necessary, you have covered yourself against any possibility of having to pay the other side's costs. In the meantime, you have nothing to pay, but disbursements, (i.e. for medical reports etc.) although these are repayable to you if you have commenced court proceedings and lost your case.

- Private Fee Basis

We can act on a private fee paying basis in which case we agree an hourly fee with you.

WHAT IS THE LIKELY LEVEL OF COMPENSATION I MAY ACHIEVE?

Even in the case of relatively minor injuries, which clear up within a few days, the amount of compensation can easily exceed £1000.00. Whiplash injuries with moderate continuing symptoms, can recover £2000.00 or more, and leg fractures £6000.00 or more. Reasonably significant scars, or burns, can attract payments in the region of and over £3000.00. Each injury is different, but if it does not clear up immediately, and in fact, if it troubles you for some time, it may attract compensation if you are successful of a significant amount. There are currently proposals to also

increase the levels of damages awarded in compensation cases.

If you are injured and succeed in a claim, you are entitled to:

- Obtain compensation for the pain and suffering
- Any incidental losses

The purpose of compensation for these items, is to put you in the position you should have been if the accident had not occurred. If you succeed in a claim, you would be entitled to claim for your loss of earnings, damaged clothing or property, travelling and medical expenses, and other financial losses.

We can therefore offer you good advice and assistance from the outset, in respect of whether you have a claim, through to the determination of whether you succeed, and if you are successful, ensure that you claim your full entitlement in respect of compensation for the losses you have suffered.

SGC can therefore offer _____

Free initial advice on whether you can make a claim

The advantage of a no-win no-fee Agreement if you wish to pursue a claim

Expert advice in the conduct of and the determination of your claim, including insuring you claim for all your losses

We are prepared to see you at home or in hospital, if you have difficulty attending the office

Legal Aid in certain Cases

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