Why choose us?

Specialist Personal Injury Team: our specialist team is headed by Robert Sardo who has Senior Litigator Approved Status with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and is an Approved Member of the Law Society's Specialist Personal Injury Panel.

Qualified solicitor: When you speak to us you will be talking to a qualified lawyer, not a legal advisor at a call centre.

Free one hour face to face interview: We offer you a free one hour interview without any obligation. This puts us in the best possible position to judge the merits of your case and provide the best advice.

Home & hospital appointments: should you be unable to attend our offices, we will be pleased to meet you at your home or hospital.

Maximum compensation: We will strive to achieve the maximum compensation for your injuries. Accident victims who turn down an insurer's initial offer and seek legal advice get on average 2–3 times more compensation. *(Source: The Law Society 2013)*

No win, no fee: We can offer you a full range of funding options including "No win, No fee". There will be no hidden costs or extra fees.

Rehabilitation: Apart from striving for the maximum compensation, we will be actively pursuing the defendant to fund addi-tional medical treatment to enable you to get back to full health as quickly as possible.

This guide is not a full statement of the law. Individual advice should be taken before taking any action. The information in this leaflet is of a general nature and may not reflect your individual circumstances. Please also note that details may change.

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Your guide to

Personal Injury Claims

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Have you suffered an injury that was not your fault?

If you have suffered an injury, perhaps a road traffic accident, an accident at work or elsewhere, or if you have a work-related disease, you may have a claim for compensation. You may also have a claim if you have been the victim of a criminal assault or suffered through clinical negligence.

There are a number of things you can do to help your claim for compensation. This leaflet offers some guidance on what to do following an accident.

First things first...

- Obtain the details of the other party, the potential defendant.
- Write down your own statement and ask any witnesses to write down their version of events straight away.
- Photograph the scene of the accident if it's a public place.
- Draw a sketch plan of the scene of the accident.
- Obtain a copy of any accident report book or police report.
- For a tripping accident, measure the height of the step and photograph it.
- Keep details of the injury sustained, treatment received and current condition.

Keep a note of...

- Any expenditure resulting from injury, including all prescriptions and any mileage by vehicle to the doctor, hospital or elsewhere.
- Any loss of earnings and any state benefits received.
- People caring for you, especially if they need time off.
- The number of hours and days that they help you and, if possible, their pay rate.
- Any activities or work you are unable to do.
- Your feelings and symptoms and how the injury progresses.

Time Limits

Generally to pursue a claim the injury must have occurred within the last three years. However, there are exceptions, for instance, for children or where the consequences were not immediately apparent.

Funding including 'No win, no fee'

If you wish to go ahead, we will discuss funding with you. There are various options open to you.

- No win, no fee: also known as a Conditional Fee Agreement.
- Private funding: you fund the claim yourself.
- Legal Insurance: found in many home and car insurance policies.
- Trade Union: members may receive legal services.
- Legal Aid: is only available in exceptional and rare cases, relating to birth related incidents.

For full details of funding options and more information on personal injuries, please visit our website www.injuryadvicelawyer.co.uk.

Free 60 minute interview

Our aim is to support you as much as possible through the difficult time which can follow a personal injury. With that in mind, we offer a complimentary one hour interview with our specialist personal injury solicitor to discuss the circumstances of your accident and to advise you as to the possibility of pursuing a potential claim.

Insurance

Gather together any motor, household and legal expenses insurance policies you may have.

If you were the passenger in a motor accident, if possible, ask the driver for a copy of his/her motor insurance policy. We will need to check the policies to see if you have the benefit of any legal expenses insurance cover.

Providing this information will help us to progress your case as quickly as possible.

What personal injury claims can we help you with?

Our legal specialists have a wealth of experience in the following areas:

- Accidents at work and public places
- Animal-related incidents
- Asbestosis and all industrial disease cases (RSI, hearing loss, occupational asthma)
- Claims on behalf of children or protected persons
- Claims arising outside the UK, either for personal injury or clinical negligence
- Claims relating to disasters in UK and abroad
- Clinical negligence claims
- Cosmetic surgery claims
- Cycling – legal requirements and advice
- Defective medicinal products
- Head injuries
- Hospital-related infections
- Motorcycling injuries
- Road traffic accidents – in the UK and abroad
- Rehabilitation
- Serious injury cases
- Stress at work claims
- Video surveillance of accident victims

Don't leave legal issues too late: seek advice at the earliest stage.