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## **Accidents - Know where you stand with the law** <sup>[1]</sup>

### **Here to Help**

Don't worry if you aren't sure that the injury isn't serious enough, or uncertain who is to blame. We are here to help you by assessing your claim and ensuring the process is dealt with smoothly and efficiently. For full information, please visit the [Personal Injury](#) <sup>[2]</sup> section of our website.

### **Road Accidents**

It is often assumed that insurers will deal with this type of claim, but this is not the case. Even if you have comprehensive cover, insurers will only deal with the vehicle damage and perhaps provide a courtesy car. To claim for injuries and financial losses, you need to pursue the claim yourself or consult a solicitor. Claims can be brought on behalf of vehicle owners, drivers and passengers, motor cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders – at home or abroad.

**Find out more:** [Road Accident Claims](#) <sup>[3]</sup>

### **Work Accidents**

These can be either accidents at work or a disease or condition caused by work. An accident at work can have serious consequences, particularly if you have been moving heavy equipment and have received little or no training. We have acted for employees who have incurred injuries through lifting, slipping, using machinery, and electrocution. We have also acted for people with asbestosis, dermatitis, deafness and repetitive strain.

**Find out more:** [Work Accident Claims](#) <sup>[4]</sup>

### **Tripping Accidents**

These are the most common accidents. A claim can be brought for accidents happening in the street, in shops, schools and offices - anywhere providing someone else is responsible for the

area where the accident happened.

**Find out more: [Tripping Accident Claims](#)** [5]

## Playground Accidents

Claims can be made for children or the elderly who suffer injuries through not being properly supervised or looked after in nursing homes or schools. There are very strict guidelines for the safety of playgrounds, and very often these guidelines are not followed resulting in the injury of a child.

## Fatal Accidents

Should a member of your family die through the fault of another, you may be able to claim. Such a catastrophic event is emotionally and financially devastating and we can assist in claiming for bereavement damages, any wages the deceased person contributed to the household and other losses incurred as a result of the death.

**Find out more: [Fatal Accident Claims](#)** [6]

## What can we do for you?

- Maximise accident compensation.
- [No win no fee](#) [7]
- A nationwide service - you do not even need to visit our offices
- Guarantee expert advice from dedicated accident claims specialists
- Minimise the impact of an accident by ensuring you receive private medical treatment, physiotherapy, nursing care, counselling, a replacement car, and even interim payments to replace lost wages.

## When should I claim?

Ideally your claim should be made within a few weeks of the accident. You have 3 years from the date of the accident or from the date you become aware of a condition caused by someone else in which to make your claim.

Children under 18 have until their 21st birthday to make their claim, and relatives who wish to make a fatal accident claim have 3 years from the date of death.

**Find out how much you could claim for your injury by using our [personal injury compensation calculator](#)** [8].

 [Personal Injury Services](#) [9]

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