

Had an accident? Your guide to compensation



If you have been injured within the last 3 years, our specialist expertise could get you compensation for the physical and mental injuries and distress you have suffered. Below are some of the most commonly asked questions:

What types of personal injury claim do you undertake?

At Abney Garsden McDonald our Personal Injury Department deals with a wide range of claims including road traffic accidents, slips/trips, accidents at work, motorbike/cycling accidents, faulty goods, occupiers' liability, accidents whilst on holiday, professional negligence, police assaults, and abuse.

How much time do I have to take legal action against the person who was responsible for my injury?

The limitation period for personal injury claims is three years from the date of injury. If the injury is one that was not immediately apparent, or that occurred gradually over a long period of time (such as a respiratory disease), then you have three years from the date you discovered or should have discovered the injury. In some cases, a court will allow legal action after the limitation period has expired, but in general you should not rely on being able to get an extension.



Who pays the legal costs? The vast majority of our cases are undertaken on a "no win no fee" basis. This means that your legal costs will be paid by the other side upon the successful conclusion of your claim so that you will receive 100% of your compensation. We also have a Legal Aid franchise which may provide funding in CICA, Police Assault and abuse cases.

How long will my claim take? In many cases claims will take between 6 and 9 months, but this is dependant on many factors, including the conduct of the other party, the extent of the injuries sustained and whether proceedings have to be issued. No two claims are the same.



Will I have to go to court? Most cases are settled before proceedings need to be issued and therefore, in such circumstances there would be no need to attend at court. However, inevitably in some cases the parties will not be able to agree and on those occasions court attendance would be necessary.

For advice and answers to other questions call
Phillip Curran on 0161 482 8822 or email him at
phillip@abneys.co.uk

Abney Garsden McDonald Solicitors (June 2011). Phillip Curran is an experienced personal injury solicitor and a Member of APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers). As head of the department at Abney Garsden McDonald solicitors he specialises in personal injury and professional negligence claims. Phillip can be contacted on 0161 482 8822 for free no obligation advice or to make an initial appointment.