

Accident Compensation Claims

In order to claim compensation for an accident which causes an injury you must be able to prove that someone else has been responsible for that accident.

Since the vast majority of accidents happen in the home they are often pure accidents which have not been caused by anyone's negligence.

In general terms accidents outside the home fall into four categories; road traffic accidents, accidents at work, slipping or tripping accidents on the highway or in buildings open to the public, and accidents caused by medical staff.

Although not strictly accidents, you can claim compensation from the government run Criminal Injuries Compensation authority if you have been the innocent victim of a criminal assault.

Perhaps the most common accidents outside the home to occur to us in our everyday lives are accidents on the road.

In order to be able to make a claim against the other driver in a road traffic accident, the owner of the highway or public building where we have had a fall, or your employer, if your accident happens in your factory or your office, you have to show that someone has been responsible for causing your accident.

You have to show that the other driver was at fault when he or she ran into you, or that the local authority have been at fault in not repairing the pavement, or the shop owner has not kept the floor of the shop free from obstructions, or hazards such as spillages, which you could slip or trip on.

In an accident at work you might also have to show that your employer has failed to keep your place of work safe, or failed to give you the proper equipment to do the job.

You need to act promptly if you believe you have a claim as limitation periods apply and claims are barred if they are brought too late. Generally claims for personal injury need to be lodged in Court within 3 years of the accident, and occasionally earlier limits apply.

If you would like to know more about claiming compensation after an accident please feel free to contact Alison Fielden & Co, The Gatehouse, Dollar Street, Cirencester, Glos, GL7 2AN, tel 01285 653 261