

Personal Injury Compensation Made Simple



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If someone injures you and it is not your fault, you are entitled to receive compensation.

This is the case, whether you are injured at work, injured in a road accident or injured in a public place.

Whatever your situation it is vital to get early advice on what steps you need to take.

We will comprehensively advise you on those steps and have the necessary expertise to deal with your situation, in a thorough and professional manner.

It is also equally important that you are appropriately compensated, and not enticed to settle your case too early with inadequate offers of compensation from Insurance companies who increasingly seek to do this.

All of our consultations are free

We would be delighted to meet you at any of our offices which are open from 9am to 5.30pm through lunchtime and after hours by appointment.

**Simply call us or text your name
followed by "accident" to 086 3866467
and we will call you back for free
Email: sturner@mjoc.ie**

There are two ways of seeking compensation.

1. Through the Injuries Board
2. Through the court system

Where liability is in issue or either party does not consent to an assessment being made by the Injuries Board or where an offer of compensation is refused, the Injuries Board are obliged to issue an authorisation which will allow your solicitor to issue

proceedings through the court system. A large amount of cases which are litigated through the courts do not end up actually being heard and are settled outside of court, but a small number do end up in Court where settlement is not possible or where liability remains in issue.

1. Road Accidents

Have you been involved in a road accident whether in a car as driver or passenger, while using the road as a pedestrian or while cycling?

If so you need to attend to the following;

1. Get the registration number of the other motor vehicle
2. If applicable do not move your vehicle and indicate to the other party involved that their vehicle should not be moved before the Gardai arrive
3. Call the Gardai - if the Gardai do not attend at the accident scene, report the matter to the local Gardai as this may equally be very important at a later date if the accident is denied or if the person who collided with you has no insurance
4. Get the insurance policy details number of the other driver from the disc on window screen and importantly the expiry date of the policy
5. Get the full name and address of the driver and if different from the registered owner, the full name and address of the registered owner.
6. Get the names and addresses of any witnesses to the accident including their telephone number as this may be very important at a later date if there is any issue on liability
7. Do not admit liability to the other driver as it is generally a condition of your insurance policy
8. Report the incident to your Insurance Company/ Broker
9. Contact us as soon as possible and we will advise you in relation to all aspects of your claim.

2. Accidents at Work

Simply stated every employer has a legal duty of care to provide a safe place of work and a safe system of work for his employees. An employer is also obliged by law to provide suitable training. If an employer fails in his duty to provide a safe system of work or suitable training, which

results in an accident causing injury, you may be entitled to take a case against your employer for damages.

In that event that you should be aware of the following matters.

1. You must report the accident to your employer or supervisor at the earliest opportunity as it is important that there is a record of the accident having been reported.
2. Go to your doctor or hospital if necessary as if you make a claim this is invariably one of the first questions asked. By doing this it ensures that the doctor or hospital will have a record of your initial attendance.
3. Do not sign an admission of liability or any other document which you may be asked to sign as it may seek to make you responsible for the accident itself.
4. Even if you bring a case against your employer for negligence arising out of personal injury suffered by you as a result of an accident at your job it does not mean that the employer can dismiss you and you would have ample and full legal redress if this were to occur.

3. Accidents in Public Places

In general the right to bring a claim of this type arises when someone has an accident in a public place such as when someone trips and or falls on a pavement or a pot hole the maintenance for which is the responsibility of the Local Authority or the owner/ occupier of a car park/ supermarket. In general when a public area or an area used by the public such an area is badly or poorly maintained or when works which are being carried out and are reinstated and left in bad condition which results in personal injury, then a claim can be brought against the Local Authority for which in our experience it will accept it has a case to answer.

In the event that you do have an accident in a public place you should do the following

1. Take a photograph of the exact place that you had the accident yourself or have someone else take it on your behalf.
2. Notify the Local Authority and preferably in writing. If for any reason this is not possible then you should arrange to phone make sure and get the full name of the person to whom you reported the accident.
3. If there are witnesses to your accident you should ask them for their name address and telephone numbers which may be required by your solicitor at a later date

4. Holiday Accidents and Accidents abroad

Since the enactment of The Package Holiday and Travel Trade Act it has been a lot easier to take this type of case. Essentially the right to bring such a case arises when you have an accident abroad- if you have suffered an accident whilst on an organised package holiday you can successfully bring a claim against the company who organised your holiday, usually the Tour Operator, if you can show that they were negligent. Tour Operators have a duty of care to the people who book holidays through them to ensure that the accommodation and facilities are safe and to ensure that you are not exposed to any risk of injury disease or infection.

What you should do if you have an accident abroad

1. Report the accident to your resort hotel representative and/or to your Tour Operator Representative as soon as possible and get an acknowledgement from them of the fact that you have reported it to them.
2. Seek medical attention from a local doctor and advise him of how the accident occurred.
3. Get the names and addresses and telephone numbers of any witnesses to the accident.
4. Importantly take photographs of the accident location.

5. Personal Injury service for Visitors to Ireland.

Our firm provides a personal injuries service for visitors to Ireland who have been involved in accidents during their stay here. We can deal with you directly, or we can act for you through your own lawyers at home. Over the years we have successfully dealt with many personal injury claims for overseas visitors to Ireland who through no fault of their own have been involved in accidents here.

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