

Accidents in Public Places

Specialism and support

Legal expertise by Irwin Mitchell

Every year in the UK, thousands of people are injured whilst out in public places. Trips and falls account for around half of all these injuries. Whilst most will recover from their injuries with time, the knock on effect for others can mean long term disability, ongoing pain and continuing financial losses.

If you have been injured as a result of an accident in a public place, then you could be entitled to make an accident claim to compensate you for your injuries.

Our lawyers offer the highest level of professionalism and expertise, combined with dedication and sensitivity.

Above all, we put you first.

Types of claim for accidents in public

Thousands of people every year experience some form of accident in a public place for which they could make an accident claim. This could be the result of a trip, slip, fall or being struck by falling objects.

The responsibility for the accident will often lie with the owner of the premises or property in which the accident took place or the local authority responsible for maintaining public places. They have a legal responsibility known as a "duty of care" and, where we can prove you were injured because that duty was breached, we'll pursue an accident claim for compensation on your behalf.

Experts in claims for accidents in public places

Irwin Mitchell has a dedicated and experienced team for handling accident claims that result from an accident in a public place, with a proven track record in securing compensation for people who have been involved in accidents in public. You will be treated as an individual and you can be rest assured that you will receive the best possible advice and representation.

Irwin Mitchell's commitment to accidents in public places work

Irwin Mitchell's first commitment is to you, and to achieving the best outcome for your claim.

We have a long history of campaigning with leading organisations in numerous personal injury fields. Together with those organisations we

seek improvements in health and safety, prevent accident and injury where possible, and improve the quality of life and levels of compensation for those who have suffered injury.

We have also pursued many leading legal cases in order to improve the prospects of success of claims for various forms of personal injury, and to obtain fairer compensation.

When can I make a claim?

In many cases, there are strict time limits in personal injury claims within which you must have started court proceedings in your claim. For this reason it's important that you seek advice promptly from one of our specialist solicitors.

Under English law, in most cases that time limit is 3 years from the date of accident or incident giving rise to your injury. However, that limit varies (and may be shorter) according to the details of your case.

When you contact Irwin Mitchell, we will give you clear advice about the time limits that apply to your claim. Contacting us promptly also enables us to begin our investigations into the circumstances of your injury. This is crucial to securing the evidence and documents needed to give your claim the best chance of success.



This information relates to the law and procedures in England and Wales.
Please contact us if you need advice about the law and procedure in other legal jurisdictions.

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Can I make a claim?

Even if you're unsure whether you have a claim (or you think the accident may have been partly your fault), it's always worth calling us. Assessment of your case is absolutely free; then you can decide if you want to proceed.

We have a long track record of winning cases where our clients initially thought they did not have a case, or that the law did not protect them.

What are my chances of winning?

The law offers good protection in most personal injury cases – but we're realistic in our assessments, so when you contact us we will give you the best advice on the chances of winning your case based on the information you provide. However, in many cases it is not possible to give clear advice until further information or evidence is available.

We'll always give you an honest, straightforward answer.

What will it cost me?

If you are worried about legal costs, don't be.

Contacting us for initial advice about your claim will cost you nothing. If we advise you to pursue a claim with us, we will review with you all the options for funding your claim.

At Irwin Mitchell we offer a 'No Cost to You' scheme which under a 'No Win No Fee' agreement means that:

- You'll receive 100% of compensation awarded*
- If you lose, you pay nothing**
- There are no hidden costs

When we speak to you we will advise you as to whether this scheme is available for your case, or whether we need to look at other funding options.

You may for example be able to fund your case via legal expenses insurance. We will advise you clearly and impartially on the best options to fund your claim without any cost to you.

How much will I receive?

The amount of compensation you receive will depend on how serious you were injured and how that injury has affected your life. It will also depend on how much money you have lost or may lose as a consequence.

We will advise you at the outset on how Courts approach the assessment of compensation, and how that will apply to your case. However, we are all different and the consequences of the same injury will vary from person to person.

As we learn more about you and your injury, and obtain further evidence such as medical reports, we will be able to assess more accurately how much a Court is likely to award you.

How will my claim be progressed?

Firstly, we will investigate your claim thoroughly by gathering witness statements, accident reports and any other relevant documents about your accident and injuries.

Once we have all the information, a full investigation of the events leading to your injury can be made and we will be able to advise you on the chances of winning your case.

If you wish to make a claim, on your behalf, we would then put forward the claim to the party who was at fault and their insurance company.

Most claims are settled before they go to Court. However, some will go to Court but we will keep you informed and we will be with you, every step of the way.

Talk to a specialist advisor today

CALL Freephone 08000 23 22 33

The sooner you contact us, the greater your chances of a successful claim.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you. Throughout this whole process, which was certainly unfamiliar and emotional for me, I have been buoyed up and reassured and kept informed at every stage. Your professionalism and approachability have been second to none".

- Jan Fielden

Finding out whether you have a claim could not be easier. Simply give us a call on the freephone number and we will give you free advice on the chances of making a successful claim. You can then decide whether you wish to proceed.

We're here for you

We understand that getting in contact with lawyers can be a worrying process, especially if you haven't done so before.

We're friendly, approachable, and easy to talk to. We'll look after you – from dealing with your employer to advising on finances and helping you with the benefits system.

At Irwin Mitchell we will fight fearlessly to give you the greatest chance of winning your case, with the best possible outcome, and we will support you every step of the way.

Useful Contacts

Citizens Advice Bureau

Look in your local phone book under Citizens Advice for your nearest centre of contact:

Citizens Advice
Myddleton House, 115-123 Pentonville Road
London, N1 9LZ
Telephone: 020 7833 2181
Website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Child Accident Prevention Trust

4th Floor, Cloister Court, 22-26 Farringdon Lane
London, EC1R 3AJ
Telephone: 020 7608 3674
Website: www.capt.org.uk
Email: safe@capt.org.uk

Talk to a specialist advisor today

Freephone **08000 23 22 33** or visit www.irwinmitchell.com
Text claim to **61993** and someone will call you back

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**Subject to entering a 'No Win, No Fee' agreement with us and complying with its terms.

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