

Criminal Injuries

Commitment and support

Legal expertise by Irwin Mitchell

There can be few more distressing events than being injured as a result of a criminal act. The consequences can be devastating, including lasting physical and psychological damage and distress.

At Irwin Mitchell we fight fearlessly to achieve the best outcome for your claim. We're renowned for our understanding of the issues affecting you and your family due to a criminal act and we know what positive action to take to make a difference.

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

Above all, we put you first.

Handling criminal injuries with expertise and sensitivity

If you have been assaulted in Great Britain in a criminal attack, Irwin Mitchell can look after you and take care of your legal requirements in pursuing a criminal injury claim for your injuries.

You may well be entitled to criminal injury compensation available through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA), which is a government body created to compensate innocent victims of crime.

Proven expertise in criminal injuries claims

Irwin Mitchell is also one of the largest and most experienced personal injury law firms in the country.

Our team includes many of the country's finest personal injury lawyers. They operate in highly specialised teams, offering the highest level of legal expertise in criminal injury claims.

Irwin Mitchell's commitment to criminal injury work

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

Our lawyers have an in-depth knowledge of the workings of the CICA and the way it processes criminal injury claim applications. We have established working relationships with various experts and can advise on the options available to you when making a criminal injury claim.

We also have a long history of campaigning with leading organisations in numerous personal injury fields. Together with those organisations we seek to improve the quality of life and levels of compensation for those who have suffered injury.

When can I make a claim?

In claims to the CICA there are strict time limits within which you must have lodged your application for compensation. For this reason it's important that you seek advice promptly.

Under the rules to the CICA Scheme, in most cases that time limit is 2 years from the date of incident giving rise to your injury.

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.

Can I make a claim?

Even if you're unsure whether you have a claim it's always worth calling us. We'll assess your case 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 claim to the CICA.



What are my chances of winning?

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 win, no fee" agreement.

As the CICA will not pay legal costs, should we be successful in claiming damages on your behalf then we will charge you a pre-arranged percentage of the amount of your compensation as a legal fee. However, if we are not successful in obtaining compensation for you, then we will not charge you anything (e.g. No Win, No Fee).*

When we speak to you we will advise you clearly and impartially on the best options to fund your claim.

How much will I receive?

The amount of compensation you receive will depend on how seriously you have been injured and how that injury has affected your life. It will also depend on how much money you have lost or will lose as a consequence - and whether you will need extra support in the future.

We will advise you at the outset on how the CICA 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 the CICA is likely to award you.

How will my claim be progressed?

Firstly, the CICA will investigate your claim thoroughly by gathering witness statements, police reports and any other relevant documents about your incident and injuries.

Once they have all the information, the CICA will make a decision on whether to award you compensation. Sometimes the CICA may decline a claim or make an inadequate offer of compensation. If this happens, we will advise you on the possibilities of seeking a review of the CICA's decision.

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.

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

If you decide to proceed, we can arrange to see you wherever possible at a time convenient to you.

Guidance with Strength and Sensitivity

We understand that contacting a lawyer might seem like a big step - especially if you haven't done so before.

"I just want to thank you for all your support and patience in dealing with the complexities of my claim... your positive approach and reassurance kept me going at the times when I just felt like running away from it all... I am sure others are now benefitting from your expertise and caring manner"

- Marianne Hjerting

At Irwin Mitchell we understand the real impact of criminal injuries. Our team of specialists have the skills and experience to guide you through the process.

We're renowned for our understanding of the issues affecting you and your family, and we know what positive action to take to make a difference.

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

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority

Tay House
300 Bath Street
Glasgow
G2 4LN
Telephone Helpline: 0800 358 3601
Website: www.cica.gov.uk

Victim Support

Contact your local Victim Support Branch for help, advice, information and support.

National Centre
Hallam House
56-60 Hallam Street
London
W1W 6JL
Victim Supportline: 0845 303 0900
Website: www.victimsupport.org.uk

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

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