

Road Traffic Collisions – whiplash injuries

Specialism and support

Legal expertise from Irwin Mitchell

There have been significant improvements in road safety in the UK but road traffic collisions are still an all too common occurrence. Road traffic collisions often have serious and long term consequences for the injured person and their family. Irwin Mitchell has a team of specialist solicitors who can help you to make a road traffic collision compensation claim if you have suffered a whiplash injury.

If you have been injured as a result of a road traffic collision, 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.

Whiplash Injuries

As we all know our roads are extremely busy and are getting busier. All drivers on the road owe each other a duty of care to drive prudently and safely, and in the main most drivers are able to do this.

Unfortunately and inevitably there are occasions when drivers do not keep to the required standards and collisions occur. One of the most common consequences of such collisions is a whiplash injury.

Whiplash is a painful condition which is fairly common amongst people who have been involved in a road traffic collision. It is typically a soft tissue injury to the neck, shoulders or back, caused by the rapid acceleration or deceleration of the neck and head as the result of an accident. The symptoms can last for a few days, several months or sometimes years.

Treatment

This type of injury often responds well to physiotherapy and medical treatment. As well as working to help you claim compensation we will also help you access the treatment that you need at your convenience.

One of our medical experts will give you any recommendations in respect of treatment. They will also prepare a full written medical report for use in your compensation claim.

Experts in road traffic collision claims

Irwin Mitchell can help you make a compensation claim for whiplash injuries, through a team of solicitors with specialist knowledge and experience. We can give you the advice and support you require to get the compensation you deserve.

With Irwin Mitchell as your legal team, you'll have all the help you need - not only to make a claim, but to arrange the medical and financial support you need to put your mind at rest and speed your recovery.

Your legal advisor will gather all of the necessary evidence your legal team will need to give your whiplash claim the best possible chance of success.

We will talk your situation through with you and make arrangements for treatment, rehabilitation and therapy where needed.

Irwin Mitchell's commitment to making a difference

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

As corporate members of Roadpeace and Brake, the leading road safety charities, Irwin Mitchell is passionate about improving road safety and representing victims of road collisions. Together with those organisations we campaign for improvements in health and safety and accident prevention. Where possible we campaign to improve the quality of life and levels of compensation for those who have suffered injury.

When can I make a claim?

In many cases, there are strict time limits for personal injury claims within which you must have started court proceedings in relation to 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.

Can I make a claim?

Even if you're unsure whether you have a claim (or you think the collision 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 can 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. 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 seriously 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 us 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.

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, easy to talk to and we'll look after you.

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.

"Thank you very much for the brilliant service, professionalism and caring attitude whilst handling my recent claim". - Vicki

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