

Services to Union Members

Personal Injury

Accidents at Work

Every day, lots of people are injured in the workplace in accidents that could have been avoided. Accidents can result in temporary or permanent injury, as well as have emotional or psychological repercussions.

If you have had an accident at work which was not your fault, you could have a case for compensation from your employer. You can claim for the actual harm you have suffered, as well as any financial losses or expenses. Your accident may have occurred in your normal workplace or whilst out working at a different site.

Your employer has a duty of care to ensure you can do your job safely, taking into account your duties and the materials and equipment that you work with. They may be liable in many different circumstances including those where there is:

- An unsafe place of work
- An unsafe system of work
- Faulty or inadequate work equipment
- Inadequate protective clothing and equipment
- Insufficient training
- Negligence of another employee
- Exposure to harmful substances
- Bullying or harassment.

In order to succeed in a claim against your employer, you need to prove that your injury was caused by the employer's negligence or breach of statutory duty.

What type of accidents can I claim for?

We handle all types of accident and injury claims. These include:

Slips and Trips

Slips and trips are common workplace accidents. Causes include spillages that result in a slippery surface or wet floor, and uneven or badly maintained walkways and paths. For more information see our *Slips and Trips* Information Sheet.

Machinery or Equipment Accidents

Faulty or unsafe machinery and equipment is the cause of many injuries, as is user error. A lack of adequate training can often cause an accident.

Manual Handling Injuries

Common manual handling injuries include back and upper limb injuries, along with other muscular strains. They are caused by any lifting, transporting or supporting of a load by hand or by bodily force. For more information see our *Manual Handling Injuries* Information Sheet.

Road Traffic Accidents

If you have suffered a road traffic accident in the course of your working duties that could have been avoided, you may have a claim against your employer. For more information see our *Road Traffic Accidents* Information Sheet.

Do I have a case for compensation?

If you believe you may have a case, talk to our experienced and knowledgeable team. We will handle your case sensitively, focusing on your individual circumstances. Should you decide to proceed with legal action, we will be here for you from start to finish - keeping you fully aware of all developments as the case progresses.

Contact us

All our personal injuries services are free to Union Members. To make a claim, please contact your Trade Union Representative in the first instance. They will then put you in touch with us.
