

Services to Union Members

Personal Injury

Manual Handling Injuries

If you have suffered a manual handling injury at work which could have been avoided, you may have a case for compensation. All employers have a duty to reduce the risk of injury.

Common manual handling injuries include back and upper limb injuries, along with other muscular strains.

Manual handling injuries can cause temporary or permanent injury, and have emotional or psychological repercussions as well as result in financial loss. Some workers may be unable to return to work afterwards.

What is a manual handling injury?

Manual handling includes, not only lifting but 'any transporting, supporting of a load (including the lifting, putting down, pushing, pulling, carrying or moving thereof) by hand or by bodily force.'

Employers are legally required to avoid the need for manual handling where possible, and to look for other means of completing the task. If manual handling cannot be avoided, they should carry out a sufficient risk assessment, taking into account factors such as the dimensions, weight, location of the load, and employee's abilities. They are obliged to consider the best way of performing the task.

Even where your employer has complied with its obligations they may still be liable for the carelessness of fellow employees.

Some of our recent cases include a nurse sustaining an injury whilst moving a patient on an out-of-date stretcher, a worker sustaining an arm and shoulder injury whilst moving a bulky item from his wagon and a care worker suffering injuries from lifting a patient into a wheelchair. Every case is individual, which is why we treat them individually.

Do I have a case for compensation?

Our team are experienced and knowledgeable about this specialised area of law. Our Lawyers 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.

How to claim

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.