

Services to Union Members

Personal Injury

Spinal Injuries

Spinal Cord injuries can be devastating for the victim involved and their families. Thousands of people suffer from damage to the spine every year, and are left with long-term or permanent disability. This may result in a life-long dependency for care, including the need for adapted accommodation. More often than not, patients are referred to one of the spinal injury units around the country for specialist support.

As well as having to deal with the physical and practical impact of spinal injury, there is also emotional and psychological trauma. Our specialist personal injury Lawyers combine a practical approach to securing you financial compensation with a full appreciation of the repercussions of such a life-changing event. As well as advising you about the legal process, we can assist with rehabilitation, care packages and any necessary changes in accommodation.

When should I contact a Lawyer?

If you or a family member has suffered a spinal cord injury, it is vital to discuss the case with a specialist as soon as possible, ideally when you are referred to the spinal injury unit. Early intervention from an expert Lawyer will help to ensure there is no delay in securing aid and support.

We know that the thought of pursuing legal action can seem daunting, so we will advise and support you every step of the way. We provide a confidential and sympathetic service and will help you to consider your options.

What can I expect from the legal process?

The legal process of seeking compensation is complex. In most claims a settlement is reached before the need to embark on court proceedings. In preparing a case, we will gather medical and case specific evidence - and keep you informed as the claim develops. We will explain the compensation process clearly, without legal jargon.

Cases can take a long time to resolve, so it may be possible to secure interim payments at an early stage in order to help you adapt your home and make other necessary changes. We will also advise you on how to apply for appropriate state benefits and guide you through the maze of legislation when dealing with the relevant Local Authority.

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Specialist team

Walker Smith Way's specialist spinal injury Lawyers have extensive experience of dealing with these complex cases. 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.

Our other departments can help with post-settlement issues such as tax planning or Personal Injury Trusts; helping to protect any financial damages for our client's lifetime.

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.

We are happy to travel and visit you or a family member at home or in hospital if you prefer. Our offices are adapted for wheelchair access.

Further information is available from the Spinal Injury Association at www.spinal.co.uk and from the Brain and Spine Foundation at www.brainandspine.org.uk
