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## Media Stunts For An Injury Claim

By Mohammad Latif

The claims culture arrived in the UK and it was chaos. Door canvassers and telesales, knocking and ringing constantly for an injury claim.

Have you had an accident injury in the last 3 years? It went ballistic, new companies evolving and new tricks came into place that would work against the victim.

Did you ever understand what was said before you signed the agreement? I guess not. 'Don't worry it doesn't mean anything, the company will contact you and sort it out'. Did they ever?

Today there is so much jargon, i.e. crap out there that many people just ignore an injury compensation claim even if they need to claim compensation.

### Helping Hand

In the beginning it was always a helping hand with your accident claim, until it was settled, with insurance and loan deductions. Policies were taken out in thousands that always back fired. And guess who provide the financial funded policies? The BANK! It could have even been your own bank.

It didn't help the victims as it was deducted from their compensation settlement, but surely helped the companies, who have now declared bankruptcy with millions 'scoped' from their victims. But today you have smaller companies doing a similar trick, we'll do this and we'll do that with their new format of technical small print.

### Compensation Claim Culture Confusion

You'll get confused just like food, these many calories, this much protein or fat. There is so much advertisement going around that you just think forget it, stick to what we normally do. Don't take any action!

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Compensation is an entitlement by law, for release of funds to the injured for being involved in an accident or being injured to some form. Accidents do occur, that's life as nobodies perfect. But with the media filling our heads with different slogans, headlines and examples, we get more confused even when it all should mean the same thing.

### Publicity

On TV, there's new advertisers showing victims of an accident injury and how they have had an accident. But what they don't realise is, each accident is unique, so why portray victims as happy as they could ever be with their payouts. It's a marketing stunt. But unfortunately many do fall for it.

An accident solicitor in personal injury claims should only handle your case, not a solicitor in conveyancing. So you need a solicitor with experience in the appropriate field to handle an accident claim for it to be successful.

Browsing from one site to another is not going to help as their technical jargon can to some extent be diluted. We'll do this and we'll do that. Find something simple that will help.

It's easy to claim injury compensation, if you know how. Learn the 12 revolutions of the new injury claim culture at

<http://www.CompensationSecrets.co.uk/injury-claim.html>

and get a free assessment.

## **How To Make A Criminal Injury Compensation Claim**

### **By Mumtaz Shah**

A DIY route to a criminal injury claim can be costly. By seeking professional help eliminates the possibilities of error. So it's a wise choice to read.

If you have been a recent victim of a crime, then there is a very good chance that you'll be entitled to make a criminal injury compensation claim under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

### CICA - Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority

Great Britain has in place the oldest compensation scheme for people who suffer criminal injuries as victims of crimes, with the first version having been introduced in 1964. Based along the lines of personal injury compensation claims, the CICA compensates victims of violent crime who have suffered any:

- injury, whether that be physical or mental, as a result of being the victim of a violent crime

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- possible loss of earnings that the victim may endure as a result of such criminal injury
- bereavement suffered as a result of a loved one having died as the victim of a violent crime.

Since 1996 the CICA has adopted a fixed tariff criminal injury compensation scheme as set out by parliament in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995 for those who are entitled to make a criminal injury claim.

### Making A Compensation Claim

If you plan to make a claim to the CICA for criminal injury compensation, then you'll need to show that you have suffered either physical or mental harm as a result of having been the victim of the violent crime in question.

Note that you need to show that a crime took place, you do not need to show that a conviction resulted from the crime you are claiming took place.

If you have grounds to believe that you have a criminal injury claim, you can obtain a compensation form from a personal injury solicitor, which you then need to complete and return.

The CICA then acknowledges receipt of your form and should process the claim. Keep in mind that this can be a lengthy process and can take anywhere up to 18 months after you have submitted the criminal injury compensation claim.

Also, as the scheme is for victims of violent crimes, the minimum compensation payable under the scheme is £1,000 and the maximum amount of compensation is £250,000.

Moreover, keep in mind that if you have made a claim for compensation under the scheme and are not satisfied with the initial compensation awarded for the criminal injury you suffered, you are entitled to

submit a request to have a review of your criminal injury claim within 90 days of your original award being made.

If you still don't like the award after this review process has been completed, then you can appeal your criminal injury compensation claim to the Panel of the CICA within 30 days of the outcome of the appeal process. If the Panel of the CICA award still does not satisfy you, you then have the right to appeal your claim to the High Court.

### Are There Any Alternatives?

If you have been the unfortunate victim of a crime, you should speak to a criminal injury solicitor as soon as you can following the event. In part this is because the criminal injury compensation scheme is only for those who are the victims of a violent crime.

On the other part, you need to make sure you do this so that you can get the advice from your criminal

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injury solicitor as to any alternative compensation you may want to seek.

Any alternative compensation claim you do instigate will be based on a civil action for personal injury. As a personal injury claim can be expensive, if you believe you may have a case for personal injury compensation but do not have the funds to pay a costly solicitor, you should talk with a no win no fee solicitor to see if there is any chance they will represent you in your claim.

And Finally...

Finally, as well as being the oldest criminal injury compensation authority in the world, with over 80,000 cases a year paying £200 million in compensation, the CICA is also one of the highest rewarding criminal injury claim boards in the world.

It's easy to seek criminal injury compensation and gain maximum results without the hassle, costs and confusion. Discover the 12 revolutions of criminal injury claims at

<http://100percent-compensation.co.uk/articles/criminal-injury-compensation.html>



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