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Motorcycle Accident Claim – Your Compensation!

By Mohammad Latif

There really isn't much difference between a motorcycle accident and a car accident except the nature of more serious injuries leading to death.

Motorcycles and motorbikes belong to a group of vehicles that often take part in a small number of road accidents. The statistics speak for itself, as motorcycle riders are just 1% of traffic. Therefore a motorcycle accident claim is small in number, but they suffer 19% of deaths and serious injuries.

In the year 2002 over 600 motorcyclists died in road traffic accidents and almost 7000 suffered from serious injuries.

A head injury is the most often cause of death and serious injuries in a motorcycle accident. A motorcyclist is 45 times more likely to be killed in a road accident than a car driver.

Cause Of A Motorcycle Accident

Reasons may vary – not only other road users may cause the accident but also highway authorities are often responsible for them. Poor maintenance of roads, resulting in road surface damages which is a common result of a motorcycle accident claim.

Lack of seatbelts and any outside protection granted by cars also raise the risk of serious injuries for motorcyclists. The other problem is visibility – motorbikes belong to a group of road users vulnerable to not being seen well, making up to a 1/3 of a cars visibility.

What To Begin With

There are some general rules about motorbike accidents that one should be aware of. Firstly, always make sure if the police attend the scene ensure a detailed report of the accident, even if it seems insignificant. Even the smallest injuries or damage to your motorbike or anything carried on it can underlie a successful accident claim.

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Secondly, you can make a compensation claim if your motorbike accident was not your fault or your fault was only partial. Your speed and wearing a protective helmet are among many details, which must be considered while the fault is being determined.

Thirdly, time matters, so every accident should be reported as soon as possible. If the person responsible for your accident doesn't stop or has no insurance, you can still make a claim however, it will be dealt with the Motor Insurers Bureau.

MIB is an organization, who provide compensation for victims of accidents involving uninsured drivers and hit-and-run cases.

It's Not Easy?

As you will notice, dealing with a motorcycle injury claim is quite complicated and it requires a fast and

professional reaction. But how can you react fast enough and take care of all these details if you have suffered serious health problems caused by the accident?

The best you can do in this situation is to employ a personal injury solicitor. An accident solicitor's help is an absolute must to handle your compensation claim. Details such as – injury assessment, accident reports, claim preparations, etc.

What is important, you don't risk anything, thanks to a 'no win no fee' arrangement, which simply means that if your case wins, you keep the winnings and if lost, all costs are paid by solicitor.

Enough Risk – Let's Do It Safely!

Riding a motorcycle is a wonderful experience as may know but it is risky and injuries involving motorcycle accidents are often very serious. Isn't all this risk enough? Do you need to take another risk even after the accident by trying to handle the claim yourself or employing some company, which cares more about the money than about your well-being and successful claim?

Make use of a personal injury solicitor under a no win no fee arrangement and take no more unnecessary risk. After your suffering, you deserve a good and stress-free compensation. You can have it with some help of an accident solicitor.

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

<http://www.compensationsecrets.co.uk/motorcycle-accident-claim.html>

and get a

free assessment.

Personal Injury Solicitor – 5 Things To Consider Before Choosing

By Mumtaz Shah

Making sure you have the right personal injury solicitor to represent you in your accident compensation claim is vital. However, with so many people claiming to be accident compensation solicitors, how can you possibly know which accident claim solicitor is going to be the best one for you?

Simple, ask the following 5 questions:

1. Is The Personal Injury Specialist Qualified To Handle Your Accident Claim?

May sound rather like a silly question, but today most solicitors elect to specialise in particular areas of law. As such, you need to make sure your solicitor specialises in accident injury claims before you appoint them.

Keep in mind that if your chosen accident claim solicitor does not specialise in this particular area of law then they are unlikely to know what the current trends in the law are and this could end up costing you money. Moreover, the area of law dealing with accidents tends to be highly specialised - requiring certain medical terminology skills.

Again, if your solicitor is not aware of these, it could end up costing you! So, before agreeing to hire an accident solicitor, make sure you ask if he/she has current experience in this area of law. You may even want to ask if their law firm has a specialised accident injury department. If they don't, you should possibly consider going to another law firm that does.

2. Is Your Personal Injury Solicitor Taking Any Charges From You?

When you and your accident claim solicitor sign a Conditional Fee Agreement (CFA) you want to make sure that in the agreement the solicitor is going to claim for all of their fees and expenses from the opponent and not from any accident compensation you receive.

If the solicitor gives you any problems here, don't hire them and remind them of the Access to Justice Act which permits them to claim all reasonable costs from the other party!

3. Out-Of-Pocket Expenses?

Most personal injury solicitors love to include a clause in the CFA that you are going to be responsible for all out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses can include any medical treatment you receive at the request of your accident compensation solicitor, any overtime incurred by the solicitor's staff, telephone and fax charges, etc.

The solicitor should be responsible for these costs which should be re-claimed from your opponent. However, be warned: the courts will only allow you to claim 'reasonable' costs and only on the basis of you winning your case.

4. Is The Accident Compensation Solicitor Aiming To Settle Or Go To Court?

Sometimes, though not always, solicitors don't listen to the wishes of their clients and instead go after what they believe the law entitles their client to claim. As such, if you want to settle the claim, rather than go to court, you should ask your accident claim solicitor whether they have any objection to such.

Conversely, if you want to go to court, but your solicitor is advising that you settle the claim, you should discuss this with them to see if there are any adverse effects for taking your accident compensation claim to court.

5. What Happens If You Lose?

Solicitors are expensive - so what happens if you lose? You need to ask this question of your accident claim solicitor to see if he/she is willing to insure your claim against the chances that you may lose.

Keep in mind that if you do lose it is not your personal injury solicitor who is going to be reasonable for the fees and expenses that have accrued to-date, but you! And you don't want to be the victim of the same accident twice, so don't listen to any discussions about how you cannot lose and make sure you have adequate protection should the impossible actually happen!

It's easy to make a compensation claim with a personal injury solicitor, if you ask! Learn more at

<http://www.100percent-compensation.co.uk/articles/personal-injury-solicitor.html>

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