

Have you had a serious injury?

You may have suffered a serious injury as a result of your accident and you are now in a very difficult situation. Such injuries include whiplash, fractures, scars, spinal injuries, loss of sight, brain injury, severe burns, paraplegia, quadriplegia, loss of limb all of which will have a severe impact on your life into the future.

You may be unable to work, require special adaptations to your home or car and disability aids to assist with your special needs. You may require home care and undergo long periods of rehabilitation and physiotherapy.

You will need substantial financial resources to support these needs and maintain you in comfort so that you can start to rebuild your life.

At O'Shea Legal we have produced a step by step guide to making a claim for compensation for serious injury. It explains the procedure in simple terms from the day you have your accident to the day you settle your claim and contains all the information you need to know. These cases can be very complex and you should always consult a specialist in serious injuries who will have experience at processing this type of serious injury claim.

We are here to help you and we provide more than just a legal service. Call, email or text oshealegal.ie now and we will evaluate your claim and revert to you promptly with our opinion with no obligation on you.

More than just a legal service.

At O'Shea Legal we have assembled a team of highly qualified experts to deal exclusively with people who have suffered from catastrophic injury as a result of an accident. These specialists are ready to give their undivided attention to investigating and evaluating all aspects of your claim and your injury. We will not only provide the expert legal advice you need, but we will ensure you have contact with all the services you need to facilitate your rehabilitation and comfort.

The most important feature of a well prepared case is the quality of evidence to present to the insurance company and to the court. We leave no stone unturned in assembling the best available evidence in order to achieve the highest possible level of compensation either in a settlement or from a Judge. It pays to have sound advice. There is a huge amount of work involved in this type of claim and we will always go the extra mile to ensure your case is well prepared.

Our principal objective is to fight for the highest possible compensation for our clients and we have been successful in winning cases where there was little prospect of success, through hard work, determination and experience. We treat our clients with respect and compassion and advise them regularly on the progress of their claims. We work hard to ensure most of our costs are paid by the other side so that the minimal amount is deducted from your awarded compensation. We finance each case ourselves and operate on a 'No Foal No Fee' basis. This means we work harder to win at all costs.

What you need to know about bringing a compensation claim for serious injury

Serious injury or catastrophic injury is a very specialist area so it is important that your solicitor has specific experience in this field. At O'shea Legal we have the level of expertise that you will need.

Legal action must be commenced within two years of the date you first knew, or could reasonably have been expected to know, that you have suffered an injury caused through someone else's fault. Different rules apply to children and to people who are incapable of handling their own affairs.

You should visit a specialist catastrophic injury solicitor as soon as possible since there is a large amount of work to be done before bringing a compensation claim.

Liability

Before we talk of compensation we must prove that some other party is responsible for the accident. Negligence or fault must be established. To do this it is critical that the accident be investigated without delay. Contact must be made with the Gardai, the Ambulance service, the Fire brigade and the witnesses along with any other persons who may have been at the scene of the accident. If necessary we will send our Accident Investigator to assemble any missing evidence and take statements. We will also dispatch out Engineer to the scene to take photographs of the road, vehicles, machine, building or equipment where the accident took place. A plan of the area will also be prepared. In serious cases the insurance company will almost always put up a fight to avoid having to pay out big damages. They will even argue that you contributed to your own misfortune so that they can claim that damages should be reduced.

Medical

We will then focus on the medical evidence and obtain Reports, results of MRI and CAT scans, x-rays, and hospital charts and records from all the doctors and medical personnel involved in your treatment. Frequently in catastrophic injury claims there can be up to seven or eight different doctors involved in the management of the patient. Injuries can range from fractures, scars, brain damage, dental problems, facial injury, spinal cord damage, internal injuries, muscular injury and psychological harm. In addition there may be a need for specialist rehabilitation, domestic and medical care, disability aids and support for family carers.

Support

Having dealt successfully with many such claims, we know where to get the best available advice and support for you. We explain what is happening in simple terms as we progress the claim. We report to you in writing on a regular basis.

The cost of all this can be claimed provided it can be shown to be reasonably necessary and of benefit to the quality of life of the injured person.

Court

Having assembled all the evidence on liability and the medical evidence and having filed all the paperwork in court we then prepare your case for hearing. We employ only the top personal injury Junior and Senior Counsel in the country to fight your case in court. We often employ a second Senior Counsel at no extra cost to you. This guarantees you the best representation if your case goes to court. A typical case could involve the following witnesses giving evidence for you:

- Gardai
- Ambulance attendants.
- Fire Brigade men.
- Eye Witnesses.
- Engineer.
- Accident Investigator.
- Motor mechanic or engineer.
- General Practitioner.
- Several Specialist Doctors.
- Plastic Surgeon.
- Physiotherapist.
- Psychiatrist.
- Rehabilitation expert.
- Vocational assessor.
- Accountant.
- Actuary.
- Employer.

- Trade Union Representative.

If the insurance company chooses to fight the case then the above number of witnesses may increase substantially as they will employ their own.

Settlement

Frequently an insurance company, when they see the strength of your case and how well prepared it is, will offer to enter into amicable settlement negotiations. They do this to avoid incurring the expense of preparing their defence and the high costs of running the case. A serious injury claim could take up to a week or more to be heard before the High court.

In a successful case compensation will consist of damages for pain and suffering, loss of earnings to date, future loss of earnings, the cost of care provided by family members, family members' reasonable expenses visiting the injured person, the cost of care, past and future, the cost of specialist rehabilitation, medical bills, chemist bills, the cost of house adaptations, disability equipment, physiotherapy and much more.

All these items in severe cases are necessary to restore a reasonable quality of life to the injured person and can add up to a significant sum of compensation. Compensation in these cases is not some sort of windfall or lottery win but the sum that is necessary to enable the injured person to have a reasonable quality of life.

If a Judge were to find that you contributed to your own misfortune in some way, for example by drinking and driving or by failure to wear a seat belt, then your award may be reduced by a percentage to be assessed by the judge.

Our Promise to you:

- **Access to senior serious accident claims specialist solicitor.**

Which means you get the benefit of my expertise and I personally process your claim for a better result.

- **Maximum Compensation Claimed:-**

Which means - you get the best result.

- **No fees required upfront!**

Which means we work harder to win every case and get paid by the insurer.

- **Excellent claim success rate.**

Which means we are very good at what we do.

- **No juniors, legal executives or non qualified personnel.**

Which means you are in the experienced hands of a qualified solicitor at all times.

- **Free opinion with no commitment - YOU DECIDE.**

Which means we like to help you anyway

- **Easy to contact - friendly staff.**

Which means you are appreciated as a client and are always kept informed about your claim.

Why use O'Shea Legal?

As specialist serious accident solicitors we can:

- Help you get back a decent quality of life;
- Help you sort your insurance;
- Quickly process your serious injury claim;
- Get you maximum compensation you deserve;
- Recover lost wages, medical bills, car/bike/van repair costs etc
- Remove all the worry and hassle from you.

We at O'Shea Legal can help you to claim compensation for any serious accident caused by the fault of another person. Whether you are a driver, passenger, cyclist or a pedestrian you will be entitled to claim damages to recover your losses where you can prove negligence (fault) on the part of another person. We have over 25 years expertise in handling accident claims and have successfully settled many claims involving all sorts of injuries including whiplash, back injury, fractured limbs, head injury, scarring, chest injury, post traumatic stress, facial and very serious injuries such as brain damage, paraplegia, spinal injury and many more.

We understand the trauma you suffer after an accident and we will help you to cope and to remove the worry and stress so that you can concentrate on your recovery. We have a professional team of experts to evaluate all aspects of your claim to ensure you get every cent you deserve. We have developed a high level of expertise during many years of settlement negotiations with insurance companies. Therefore we at oshealegal.ie can get you the substantial compensation you deserve for your injury and trauma. Have a look at the testimonials from some of our clients below.

As most employers, public places, buildings, cars, motor bikes, vans and lorries on the road are insured, you will be entitled to recoup your losses and damages from the insurance company of the party at fault for your accident. Even where there is no insurance we at O'Shea Legal can help you.

We will assess your claim for free and if you want to pursue a claim we will process your claim on a no win-no-fee basis. We at O'shea Legal work hard to recover most of our fees from the insurance company when a serious injury claim is successfully concluded and we ensure you get maximum compensation.

If you have a specific injury which occurred as a result of an accident you might want to check our claim calculator page to see how much compensation you are entitled too.

Before you do anything else, email us your name and telephone number or call or text us now for your free legal advice on serious injury **accidents**. We'll give you our expert opinion and tell you everything you need to know about making a claim. Its then up to you to decide whether you wish to make a claim. You will be under no obligation or pressure at any time.

Testimonials.

Sample results.

Check out our 'Critical Mistakes To Avoid' download.

*See our Terms of Engagement for more details

*** In contentious business a solicitor may not calculate fees or other charges as a percentage or a proportion of any award or settlement.**