

Accidents at Work

According to the latest figures published by the Health and Safety Executive, over 1.2 million working people are suffering with a work related illness. The statistics also reveal that 200,000 people suffered an accident at work last year. However, this is just the number of accidents reported to HSE, the actual number of injuries is much higher, as many people choose to carry on working in pain and do not take any time off.

Accidents at work can happen for a number of reasons, such as defective work equipment or inadequate training; it may be as simple as something being left on the floor, or not being given enough help when lifting things. In some cases there may not be an 'accident' at all and employees instead develop aches and pains or suffer other health problems over time, due to prolonged activity or exposure.

Sadly, many employees are afraid to make a claim and some even blame themselves, but it could be that their employers have been negligent or broken the law and they may be entitled to compensation. By law, we have a right to claim from anyone who has caused us harm and so, if you have been injured at work, you should not worry about upsetting your employer by making a claim against them. Ultimately, it will be your employer's insurance company who deals with the claim and pays any compensation.

Some people worry that only employees involved in heavy industry or construction are eligible to bring claims, but this is simply not the case. Accidents can happen anywhere, whether it's in an office, on a building site or on the shop floor.

If you have been injured at work, the first thing to do is make sure the accident has been properly and accurately recorded in the accident book. However, while helpful, this is not essential and it may be that you have had an accident within the last 3 years that was not properly documented, but this should not prevent a claim. Secondly, you should get some confidential, professional advice to help you through what can be a very difficult time. We at Dickinson Parker Hill have advised generations of local people on their right to claim and can provide you with the expert guidance you need following an injury.

Our team of dedicated personal injury solicitors offer a completely free claim service on a no win, no fee basis, which guarantees you receive 100% of the compensation that you are awarded. Call us now on 01695 574201 for a free consultation to discuss the possibility of making a claim.



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