

Cycling Accident Claims

A guide to compensation

Expert advice

Cycling accidents occur every day in the UK, sometimes causing minor injuries but often causing the most serious of injuries.

Slater and Gordon's cycling accidents team have extensive experience in helping cyclists who have been injured through no fault of their own.

We understand that suffering from a serious injury caused by a cycling accident can be traumatic, both physically and emotionally, and are able to provide the support needed every step of the way.

We have many years' experience representing cyclists from across the UK, including members of Cycling UK - the UK's national cyclists' organisation.



Causes of cycling accidents

There are many causes of cycling accidents. Our cycling accidents team has a considerable amount of experience of dealing with all kinds of cycling accidents, including:

- Road traffic collisions
- Animals
- Defective equipment
- Potholes and road defects
- Criminal assaults

If you've been injured as a result of a cycling accident, and someone else is either fully or only partly to blame, you may be entitled to compensation.

Cycling accidents abroad

Many people who travel abroad, either to work or on holiday, hire bicycles. Cycling holidays are also becoming more and more popular.

When someone suffers a cycling accident whilst abroad, although it's still possible to make a claim, different laws may apply and there may be more complex issues involved.

Slater and Gordon has a team of specialists who not only deal with cycling accident claims, but also are experts at accidents which occur whilst abroad.

As they specialise in this area, they understand the laws and complexities involved in such claims and are therefore able to ensure the best possible outcome is achieved.

Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB) claims

There are situations when a claim for a cycling accident must be referred to the Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB). However, MIB claims can be quite complex and therefore, advice from an expert in this field is very important.

Uninsured Motorists

If you've been involved in a cycling accident involving an uninsured vehicle, a claim can still be pursued. In this situation the claim would be referred to the MIB under the "Uninsured Drivers Agreement".

Untraced Motorists

If you've been involved in an accident with a vehicle that fails to stop, a claim can still be made. Again, the claim would be referred to the MIB under the "Untraced Drivers Agreement".

It's a condition under the untraced drivers agreement that the incident must be reported within five days of the accident if the claim is for property damage, or 14 days if the claim is for personal injury.

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From the very start I was confident in my lawyers. They were professional and understanding throughout and got me a fantastic result.

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Please feel free to discuss your own position and concerns. Contact your nearest office on:

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Advice on making a claim for compensation

For those who don't have experience of the legal process, contacting a lawyer and making a claim for compensation can be a daunting prospect. However, we're with our clients every step of the way, ensuring they understand the claims process, and relieving the burden of having to deal with a variety of practical issues, at what can be a difficult time.



What should you do if you think you have a claim?

Contact us. Our team of specialists have a vast amount of experience in dealing with cycling accidents. Our specialists include catastrophic injury and accident abroad lawyers, many of which are classed as leaders in their field.

Once we've taken details, we'll confirm whether or not you have a claim. If you're entitled to compensation, we can start work on your case straightaway and begin gathering evidence.

Time limits apply when making a claim for compensation, so don't delay in contacting us.

What is the cost of making a claim?

We understand that the cost of legal advice can be a worry, but there are options available to fund injury claims.

You may have legal expenses insurance under an existing insurance policy which entitles you to free representation. If legal expenses insurance is not in place, we may be able to conduct your case under a Conditional Fee Agreement, also known as a 'No Win, No Fee' Agreement. This means if the case fails, no payment is due.

Once we know the circumstances of your claim, we'll be able to discuss your funding options in more detail.

What is the amount of compensation likely to be?

Compensation will be based on the severity of your injury, and also on your personal circumstances. For example, if you have been unable to work as a result of your injury, loss of earnings may be accounted for. If you were responsible for household chores or caring for a dependent and are no longer able to, the cost of assistance will be taken into account.

If you require rehabilitation, treatment, aids, equipment or adaptations, we'll also seek to recover these costs.

How long is the case likely to take?

Every case is different so it's difficult to estimate how long a case is likely to take without first reviewing the circumstances. However, the case will be dealt with by an expert in cycling accidents who will deal with the case as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Frequently asked questions

Will I have to go to court?

A large majority of cases settle before a trial takes place. However, if the case does not settle before trial, attendance at court may be necessary.

What if I've lost a loved one due to a cycling accident?

A claim can still be made by the Estate's legal representative (the person named as Executor in the Will if there is one) or otherwise by a family member.

What if the injury requires rehabilitation or treatment?

As we have many years' experience working on behalf of people who have suffered serious injuries, we see it as an important part of our role to make sure that our clients get the best quality support to maximise the chances of recovery and future independence. Where we've proved that the other side was fully or partly to blame, we can obtain interim payments to pay for treatment and other costs before the case reaches settlement.

What if I need assistance in other areas?

We have expert lawyers in many areas of law such as family, employment, welfare benefits, trusts, Court of Protection and disability rights and work closely with those departments to ensure that you get the best possible outcome.