

Motorbike Accidents

A guide to compensation

Expert advice

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

Slater and Gordon's motorbike accident team have extensive experience in helping motorcyclists who've been injured through no fault of their own.

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

We're also proud corporate members of the BMF - British Motorcyclists Federation - Europe's largest Riders Rights Group.



Motorbike accident injuries

For many people, their preferred mode of transport is motorbikes and scooters as they have many advantages for road users.

However, when a road traffic collision occurs involving a motorbike or scooter, the resulting injuries can be extremely serious.

Some serious injuries have long term effects, or even permanent, such as brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and amputation injuries.

There are also occasions when motorbike accidents can cause fatalities.

Motorbike accidents abroad

Many people who travel abroad, either to work or on holiday, hire scooters and motorbikes as their preferred way to travel.

When someone suffers a motorbike or scooter accident whilst abroad, although it is still possible to make a claim for compensation, different laws may apply and there may be more complex issues involved.

Not only do we have specialists who deal with motorbike accident claims, but we also have a team of specialists who deal with accidents which have occurred 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 motorbike 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 motorbike 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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Throughout my case I've been dealt with in a clear, courteous and very professional manner and I'm very satisfied.

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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 motorbike 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've 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 motorbike 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 doesn't settle before trial, attendance at court may be necessary.

What if the injured person died as a result of the 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've many years' experience working on behalf of people who've 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.