



## **Personal Injury Claims: Accidents at Work**

If you are thinking about making a personal injury claim arising out of an accident at work it would be helpful to consider the following:-

- Ensure that your accident is recorded in the accident book and that it is reported to the relevant individual(s) as soon as possible;
- Make a note of any witnesses to your accident;
- Attend hospital and/or your GP as soon as possible so that a record can be made of the accident and your injuries;
- Your employer may wish to discuss the accident with you. You do not need to be concerned by this, as they would simply wish to obtain your version of events to assist them in their investigation of the accident. This usually takes place shortly after the accident. You do not require legal representation at the meeting but you are entitled to have someone to accompany you. You are also entitled to request copies of any minutes that are made at the meeting.
- If your employer has been made aware of the accident and your injuries, they are under an obligation to make suitable adaptations to help make your working environment more suitable. If your job involves manual work, then your employer may be obliged to put you on lighter duties on your return, and if appropriate, depending on the nature of your injuries and length of absence, implement a phased return to work.
- Employers are under a duty to ensure adequate health and safety at work. If you have had an accident as a result of your employer's failure to comply with relevant health and safety requirements, then you may be entitled to compensation, even if you think it was probably your own fault;
- We specialise in all types of accidents at work, including manual handling, the use of defective work equipment, dangerous chemicals, working at height, and an unsafe workplace. If you are interested in pursuing a claim then please contact us as soon as possible to ensure that you receive the necessary advice at an early stage, and do not lose your right to claim for compensation.
- Please see our post accident checklist for more useful tips and advice and call us for free advice with no obligation to proceed.

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