

Is Injury Compensation Important?

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Imagine you were driving your car and you stopped at a traffic light. Suddenly, BANG! Your car is hit from behind at about 15 miles per hour. You leap out of your car to have a look. Your bumper is bent, your boot lid is open and your tail lights are smashed.....but the main thing is, you are OK.

You exchange details with the person that hit you and you carry on, albeit rather annoyed that you will have to sort things out the next day. Later on that evening, you realise your neck and shoulders are a bit stiff and you have a bit of a headache. The next day, you feel worse and make an appointment to visit your GP who fits you in the day after that, by which time, you feel a bit worse. Diagnosis is whiplash and you may recover in a week or two. However, it might take a month or two. You just do not know.

Whilst at the doctors, ask him/her what the best course of action is to aid your recovery and follow that advice. If after two weeks, things have not improved, go back to your doctor and make it clear that the symptoms persist and ask if there are any other recommendations he can make. Perhaps physiotherapy, osteopathy, alternative medicines or treatments?

In all honesty, if you make a full recovery from your injury in two weeks or so, it is not really worth making a claim for financial compensation. The hassle and time and potential expense to insurers does not justify the very small amount of compensation that might be offered. We are talking about £250.00 or £500.00 here.

If, on the other hand, your injury persists much more than two weeks, it is well worth seeking advice from a solicitor or a personal injury claims handling company. You can start the process of making a claim for compensation, confident that you are entitled to compensation for your genuine injury.

Some injuries are far more obvious. If you have broken bones or deep cuts, it is immediately obvious to you that recovery time will be significantly longer than a few weeks. You can seek the necessary advice after you have seen the doctor or, perhaps, had to visit the hospital.

Yes, compensation for your suffering is important, but the most important thing is your health and a speedy recovery. Every effort should be made to help with recovering from your injury and if this takes longer than you had hoped, the financial compensation will eventually follow...

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