

Accidents Waiting to Happen

What is to be learnt, when an individual who has suffered an [accident](#) or injury through no fault of their own fails to claim for their injuries or reports the event to a local authority or even an employer. Are they running the risk of allowing that accident to happen again? We all have an obligation to avoid causing harm to others.

Understanding that the claim process is not only there to provide compensation but also stops similar instances from happening again - lessons learnt provides safer environments for everybody. Failing to act after an accident allows for the probability of a similar accident happening to someone else.

So, what stops a person from making a claim or reporting an accident?

Cost - some people still think they have to fund their claim since 'legal aid' was withdrawn in 2000. This is not the case as many personal injury lawyers now offer [No Win No Fee Claims](#).

Fear of losing their job - It is illegal for an employer to threaten an employee with the threat of being fired if they make a claim against them. In any case your employer will have special insurance to cover accidents within the workplace.

Bad Advice or experience - There are lawyers and firms out there that do not offer the best advice available, its always best to do research on the firm that you are looking to hire.

Your Legal right to claim!

Allowing for accident or injury black spots to exist because they go unreported is in itself a failure on society. An individual may get away with what we like to term as a "close shave" but what about the next person - will they be as lucky?

Any individual has a legal right to make a claim - especially if you have been the victim of events out with your control. Its estimated that there are around 2.5 million accidents in the UK every year. Less than a third of that figure actually seek some form of [compensation](#) for their injury. How many accidents could have been avoided by a simple report of the incident and making our environment a safer place from our lessons learned experience.

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