

## Been Injured In A Motor Vehicle Accident? Some Handy Information On Road Accident Claims

### Do you have a claim?

If you are injured in a motor vehicle accident, you may be able to make a claim for any injuries you incur from the accident.

Previously, in order to make a claim, you needed to show that another driver was either fully or partially responsible for the accident.

Recent changes to the law now allow claims to be made where catastrophic injuries are sustained, even when another driver is found not to be at fault.

### What are you entitled to?

Depending on the severity of your injuries and the date the accident occurred, you may be entitled to compensation for one or more of the following:

- Pain and suffering
- Medical expenses
- Lost income and superannuation
- Future economic loss
- Travel to appointments
- Assistance around the home
- Future medical expenses.

In some situations your spouse may also be entitled to make a loss of consortium claim.

There are now certain thresholds which must be met before a compensation claim can be made for pain and suffering, future medical expenses, gratuitous assistance and consortium.

### When should you see a lawyer?

It is important to contact a lawyer as soon as possible after the motor vehicle accident as strict deadlines apply to making a claim.

Where the circumstances of the accident are in dispute, it is important to obtain statements from witnesses as soon as possible after the accident whilst their memory is fresh. Your lawyer can assist you with finding witnesses and taking statements.

### What will happen at the first appointment?

Mellor Olsson offer a free, no-obligation first appointment for all road accident claims. During this appointment, we will discuss the circumstances around your accident, explain your options for making a claim and provide you with an indication of the type of compensation you might be entitled to.

You should bring to this appointment any medical reports or discharge summaries you have, any correspondence with the insurer, and details of the circumstances and parties involved in the accident.

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## What will Mellor Olsson do for you?

By appointing a lawyer, we will take care of the management of your claim, ensuring all deadlines are met and that you are able to focus on what is most important, your health and wellbeing.

Specifically, once appointed as your lawyer we will:

- Contact the insurance company and notify them of your claim; and
- Seek relevant medical reports on your behalf and request funding for medical treatment; and
- Gather all the necessary information and documentation required by the insurance company; and
- Provide you with advice on what your claim may be worth and conduct all negotiations with the insurance company on your behalf, once your medical condition has stabilised.

In most cases we do not ask for payment of our fees until your case has been resolved. We will clearly outline how our fees are calculated and provide you with updated fee estimates throughout your claim.

**Mellor Olsson has an experienced Personal Injury team who offer a FREE, no-obligation first appointment for all road accident claims.**

## Our Personal Injury Law Team



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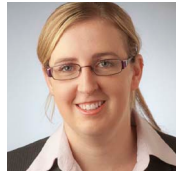
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