

Catastrophic Injury Claims*

We understand the physical and emotional stress and trauma of a catastrophic injury. We will work to the best of our ability to provide the best care and support to help you obtain the compensation necessary to regain your independence and embrace the future. We understand this will take time. We are here to provide you with the services to make sure you receive the best possible legal advice and services from us to help you.

What is a catastrophic injury?

A catastrophic injury is one that has serious, long term life altering consequences. Catastrophic injuries require surgical treatment these can be caused by a serious accident in a workplace, a serious car crash, severe motor vehicle crashes. In some cases, these may be traumatic brain injuries, amputations, and, paralysis. Catastrophic injuries involve

- Permanent disability or loss of function
- Inability to work full time
- The need for lifelong assistance, care, or, accommodation
- The need for medication for life
- The need for prosthetics or assistive devices (such as a wheelchair)
- Severe scarring or disfigurement
- Spinal cord injury
- Traumatic brain injury
- Amputation

- Loss of sight including acquired blindness
- Loss of hearing included acquired deafness
- Severe burn injuries
- Paralysis

Our approach is not only to consider how you are after suffering such a serious injury but also how your life will be affected years into the future.

We understand that catastrophic injuries involve not only physical injuries and limitations but also affect family life, work life, and, your ability to enjoy life.

Some catastrophic injuries are more difficult to detect than others. A person who after an accident is paralysed, suffers blindness or is in a wheelchair is clearly and obviously disabled. A person with a head injury, however, may appear normal after a period of recovery but have lasting disabilities. Equally the trauma of such a severe accident may have psychological injuries. These can include

- Personality change
- Mood swings
- Irritability
- Memory loss
- Inability to concentrate
- Inability to handle financial affairs
- Impacting in family life, work life, and, a person's ability to enjoy life

Some people who have suffered a brain injury have been forced to stop working even after reaching maximum recovery and looking well to others. We however will look to see how these have affected you, if you have suffered such disabilities, to make sure that all appropriate

documentation and evidence can be produced to support such a claim.

A person who suffers a catastrophic injury which is clearly visible may still have debilitating side effects. This can include urinary tract infections, and neuropathic pain. These ailments can be as life changing and life altering as the more visible side effects of a serious accident. Our approach is that all effects of an injury should be taken into account in a personal injury claim and we will always look to put forward your best interests.

If you or your loved one has suffered a catastrophic injury in a workplace accident, a car or truck accident or any other type of accident our solicitors are ready to listen and help. You can contact us on 01-9695781 or email us at info@grogansolicitors.ie .

All consultations are absolutely confidential.

***Before acting or refraining from acting on anything in this guide, legal advice should be sought from a solicitor.**

***In contentious cases a solicitor may not charge fees or expenses as a proportion or percentage of any award or settlement.**