

Whiplash Claims - Car Accident Injury Solicitors*

We are Personal Injury and Accident Claim Solicitors in Dublin

Whiplash claims are the most common personal injury suffered in a road traffic accident. A whiplash injury is a personal injury which is the result of a vehicle being struck from the back or from its side at the rear. If you are involved in a such an accident you must firstly get your medical needs attended to. After that you should contact us to speak to a member of our team on 01-9695781 or email us at info@grogansolicitors.ie and we will arrange a consultation with you. This can be either personally in our offices or can be done by Zoom, or Microsoft Team. We will make sure that you have everything you need to make a claim for your pain and suffering.

If you have been injured in a road traffic accident then there are some things you should do

Get medical attention straight away

Go to see a doctor, whether your GP, or, depending on your injury, an accident and emergency department. You should get medical treatment but importantly you must follow your medical advice.

Report the accident

Reporting the accident is important. If it is a road traffic accident you should report it to An Garda Siochana. Even if you were not at fault and you are driving a vehicle you should report it to your insurance company.

Witnesses - who are they?

Make a note of who was with you when the accident happened. In a car accident it would be the names and addresses and telephone numbers of the passengers in the vehicle with you as well as details of the driver of the other vehicle involved. You should take the registration number of both vehicles. Any insurance details on the windscreen should also be taken down.

Keep all records of expenses that you have

This can be the cost of seeing your GP, the cost of attending at a hospital. The cost of any medicines you have to purchase. It will also include the cost of travel to and from a hospital or to see your GP.

Take photographs of the scene

If you have a mobile phone it is useful to take photographs of the location of the vehicles from all sides to show where the vehicles were and the point of impact.

What are the symptoms of a whiplash injury?

A whiplash injury is one where the symptoms are damage to the neck and/or the upper back. Whiplash injuries are caused by you being propelled forward. Then your body is held by the seatbelt but your head and your neck continue to go forward. This causes damage to your neck and upper back.

Sometimes the full extent of the whiplash injury will not be felt by you for a number of days and even up to a week or more. So if you think you are suffering from a whiplash injury our advice is to go and see your GP as soon as possible.

A whiplash injury is a very painful injury. If you have suffered a whiplash injury your GP will probably advise you to attend physiotherapy. You should do so. Attending a physiotherapist quickly, after an accident, can reduce the pain and suffering which you will encounter as a result of a whiplash injury.

If you have suffered a whiplash injury the quicker you see a Solicitor the better. A Personal Injury Solicitor who is experienced in dealing with whiplash injuries will be in a position to advise you of your rights. We will be in a position to make sure that any evidence, that needs to be obtained, can be obtained. It may be that pictures of the location need to be taken. There are various reports from engineers to medical reports which may be needed. These are all things we can advise you about.

What are the symptoms of whiplash injury?

- Neck pain and stiffness
- Worsening of pain with neck movement
- Loss of range of motion in the neck
- Headaches
- Tenderness or pain in the shoulders, upper back or arms

Statute of Limitations

In all personal injury claims in Ireland the Statute of Limitations is two years from the date of the car accident unless you are a minor (being a person under the age of eighteen years).

What compensation can you receive?

The compensation which you can receive for a whiplash injury includes compensation for the injury itself, your out-of-pocket expenses such as medical and travel expenses. The claim will also include any loss of earnings and any loss of employment opportunity into the future because of the injury.

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