

Your occupational illness claim

Thank you for choosing our firm to represent you. This leaflet provides information to help you with your claim.

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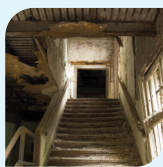
We specialise in personal injury claims and have a dedicated team of experienced professionals ready to help you.

Since 2002 we have advised thousands of clients across England and Wales.

Winston Solicitors are here to help you obtain the compensation you deserve.

If you are suffering from any of the following conditions because of work that you do now or have done in the past you may be entitled to compensation. Each year thousands of people develop an illness caused by work.

Here is an example of some of the work related illnesses and diseases:



Asbestos related chest diseases

Lung cancer
Mesothelioma
Asbestosis
Pleural thickening



Hand-arm vibration syndrome

Vibration white finger syndrome
Nerve damage to fingers
Carpal tunnel syndrome



Noise induced hearing loss

Deafness and hearing loss
Tinnitus



Asthma

Rhinitis
Conjunctivitis
Allergies
Occupational asthma



Dermatitis

Contact dermatitis skin condition
Occupational eczema

We will help you get maximum compensation for any illness or disease caused by work.

You may also be entitled to state benefits because of the illness or disease.

Your contact is:

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“No Win, No Fee”

With Winston Solicitors this means exactly what it says!

If we don't win your case - we do not have any right to recover a fee.

If we do win your case, we will seek payment of our costs from the Defendant and you will not have to pay a penny nor do we deduct any money from your compensation.

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any money from
your compensation.**

Useful information:

Jobcentre Plus 0800 055 6688

www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

for advice on making a claim for benefit

Your claim process starts here



① Starting your claim

We send a "letter of claim" to the responsible party's insurers. The letter sets out why the claim is being brought and what illness or disease has been suffered. It gives the insurer a detailed overview of your claim.



② Liability

There is a disease and illness claims protocol which ensures that solicitors and insurers must act fairly during a claim. It allows the insurer nearly four months from the date of the letter of claim to admit or deny liability. If liability is denied the insurer must supply evidence in support of their arguments. They simply cannot refuse to deal with your claim.



③ Medical evidence

In order to prove that you suffered an illness or disease as a result of work it will be necessary for you to attend a medical examination. The appointment will be with an independent medical expert in your local area. The medical expert will then provide a report on the illness or disease.



④ Compensation

Once the medical report is prepared we will check the content with you. The report is then sent to the insurers and we assess the level of compensation that you are likely to receive. It is generally divided into two areas as follows:



④a General Damages

This award is compensation for the illness or disease, and the disability it causes you and effect on the quality of your daily life.



④b Special Damages

You may receive compensation such as loss of earnings, care and services, medication expenses, etc.



⑤ The Settlement

Following the service of the medical report on the insurers most claims are capable of settlement without going to court. We advise you of the appropriate terms of settlement of the claim and negotiate the settlement on your behalf. You receive 100% of any compensation recovered. In addition we seek to recover your legal costs from the insurers.

Case studies

Asthma

Mrs T lived in Sheffield and worked as a sewing machinist in a small factory. Work done near to Mrs T by some of her colleagues caused fumes to be in her work area however there was no air ventilation to clear the air. Mrs T developed a mild type of asthma because of breathing the fumes. Mrs T was paid £5,000 compensation by the insurers of the factory.

Asbestos chest disease

Mr R lived in Leeds and travelled throughout the country working for a specialist roofing company. During his work Mr R often used roofing sheets that were made from asbestos and as a result frequently breathed in asbestos dust. Mr R developed pleural thickening lung disease more than 20 years after he had finished working as a roofer. The roofing company had closed but the employers liability insurers were traced and paid Mr R £36,000 compensation.

Dermatitis

Miss B worked in Manchester as a trainee assistant in a hair salon. Miss B was not given safety instructions on protecting her skin against developing a skin condition from contact with the solutions used in the hair treatments and as a consequence suffered a mild type of contact dermatitis. The insurers of the salon owner paid Miss B £1,700 compensation for developing the dermatitis.

(All names have been changed to preserve anonymity)

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