

Injuries and the law

Dealing with an injury at work

Your employer has a duty to protect you. As an employee your safety, health and general welfare at work are protected by law. Workplace health and safety regulations place statutory duties on your employer.

If you have been injured at work

- ✓ Make sure you have recorded the incident within your employer's accident book. There may be witnesses and you may wish to obtain photographs of the accident scene.
 - ✓ Make an appointment to see your GP or visit the hospital, providing a full history of how you sustained your injury.
 - ✓ If you are a member of a trade union, give your union a call and you will be offered support, and advice, and be referred to a union solicitor, free of charge.
 - ✓ Ask your employer for support with your recovery. Many businesses are able to offer care and medical treatment via their individual occupational schemes.
 - ✓ Contact a local personal injury solicitor who may offer you a free interview and where you will be assured of independent, regulated legal advice. Look out for the quality kitemark
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- ✓ Inform the Health and Safety Executive of the incident (www.hse.gov.uk). All employers must comply with strict statutory rules relating to health and safety in the workplace.
 - ✓ Your employer will be insured and when your claim is notified, the insurance company will deal with it.

WE ALL HAVE A DUTY TO ACT SENSIBLY WHEN AT WORK AND DEALING WITH OTHERS AND EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO GO TO WORK AND COME HOME AGAIN UNHARMED.

PEOPLE First is a national programme providing information, guidance and support run by APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) which is committed to supporting injured people and their families. www.apil.org.uk or telephone 0870 609 1958

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