

An agenda for change

Law reform fit for the 21st century



The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) is a not-for-profit membership organisation, established in 1990 to fight for the rights of people injured needlessly, through no fault of their own.

APIL's agenda sets out what can be done to help ensure those people who are injured because someone else did not take proper care, receive the justice they need and to which they have a right.

Fairness for families:

- Reform of the law relating to bereavement damages: it should not be cheaper to kill than to maim.
- Reform of the law affecting those who suffer psychiatric harm after the death or injury of a loved one.

Improved support and protection for injured people:

- Introduction of compulsory public liability insurance to improve safety and ensure injured people are not denied redress.
- Protection of the right to claim compensation.
- Review the 20 year old cap on criminal injuries compensation.
- Encourage the greater use of rehabilitation to support people after injury.

Support for sufferers of work-related diseases:

- Extension of the new mesothelioma scheme to other work-related diseases where the insurer cannot be traced.
- All people suffering with asbestos related disease to receive equal treatment under the law.

Rights in the workplace:

- Protection from prejudice for employees making compensation claims.
- Repeal of section 69 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

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