

## The fundamentals of personal injury damages

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Many practitioners engage daily in the assessment of personal injury damages without a detailed knowledge of the fundamental principles, yet these principles are regularly considered by judges when determining difficult practical issues relating to damages.

Topics to be covered include:-

- What is an "injury"?
- What is a claimant being compensated for?
- What factors affect the award for pain and suffering?
- Does the age of the claimant matter?
- Who bears the burden of proof in mitigation of loss?
- What is the different between a Smith -v- Manchester award and a Blamire award?
- The practical significance of the law of damages in the investigation and quantification of personal injury damages

### Technical requirements

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