



# Your guide to spinal injury claims

Our specialist Serious Injuries Group has successfully claimed compensation for many spinal injuries over the years. We believe in a holistic approach to each case, offering total support to a client at a time when they may feel at their most vulnerable, and we aim to match our clients' determination to challenge and overcome their disability.

“ I just wanted to say thank you for all you have done for me. There were times I thought we wouldn't see light at the end of the tunnel, but through your expertise, guidance and professionalism you got me there, with a good result too! So thank you once again. ”

## **Client testimonial**

## Understanding your case

The sudden change in lifestyle caused by a spinal injury can often be hard enough without the extra strain that is inevitably placed on your finances. Obtaining financial compensation can give you the immediate and long-term assistance and financial security you need.

We are very aware that every spinal injury case is different and the amount of compensation awarded will vary from client to client. However, our experience in this area means we will be able to advise you on the amount you could expect to be awarded so you can start planning for the future.

## The advice you need, when you need it

We will consider whether interim payments of compensation may be available to cover immediate expenses. We will also talk to you about the best way to manage any compensation payment through long-term financial planning.

Rehabilitation is crucial in spinal injury cases and we believe that our role does not end in court, but extends to assisting our clients with the rehabilitation process. We can provide information on all the relevant support groups dedicated to helping people adjust to living with a spinal injury.

## Spinal Injuries Association

RJW is proud to be a corporate sponsor of the Spinal Injuries Association, the leading national charity for people with spinal cord injuries and their families. You can contact them on [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk) or 0800 980 0501.

## Some recent cases:

### Case 1

Our client was aged just 17 when a drunk driver left the road and hit her as she walked back from the shops with friends. Paralysed from the neck down, she was in hospital for six months. When she returned home, we obtained interim payments to adapt her family house in the short term and in the meantime bought and adapted a large property so she could live with her parents and young brothers. The adaptations were described by our care experts as 'state of the art'. The client now lives independently with two residential carers but has her family on hand if she wants them. She is taking college courses and hopes to be able to learn to drive.

### Case 2

Our client came to us for advice following a snowboarding accident that left him paraplegic. Although it wasn't possible to establish any fault to bring a civil claim, we discovered that his employer was about to dismiss him. We quickly established how, with reasonable adjustments, he could carry on at work and, using the Disability Discrimination Act, we ensured that he kept his job.

“I am so very grateful for everything you have done for me in respect of my case. You have eased what has for me been a very difficult period with your support, encouragement, determination and professionalism. Please accept my heartfelt thanks.”

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**We pride ourselves on our fair fee structure – there is no charge for the initial consultation and we guarantee that you will receive 100% of any compensation awarded.**

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