



Amputation injuries



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“A very professional and efficient service provided in a very kind and considerate manner”

Client comment

The claims we can assist with

Traumatic amputations are where a limb is severed by sheer force of an impact. Such injuries can often result in the workplace due to the negligence use of machinery or defective work equipment. They can also result from serious road traffic accidents.

Surgical amputations generally incur following an injury that has so badly damaged that limb it has to be surgically removed. However the injury occurred, it is likely to be life changing and we can assist you in obtaining maximum compensation.

How we can help

Brachers understand that amputation injury claims require expert consideration and our service is about more than just obtaining money in compensation.

Seeking rehabilitation treatment (funded by the insurers) is an essential part of our role to ensure you maximise your potential for recovery from the effects of your life changing injury.

This can include providing aids, equipment and adaptations to may make life more comfortable and independent. Often vocational rehabilitation and retraining is required where your injury is preventing a return to your previous work.

What compensation can we obtain for you?

We will seek to get the maximum compensation we can for you and this would include:

General damages for the injury itself, which we recognise can often involve psychiatric as well as physical injury and “phantom pain”. As a rough guideline the following sort of sums are awarded for some of the more common amputation injuries:

- full loss of one arm; not less than £114,700
- total or effective loss of one hand; £80,500 to £91,700
- amputation of index and middle and/or ring fingers-£52,800 to £76,000
- total loss of index finger; approx. £15,700
- above knee amputation of one leg; £97,700 to £115,000
- amputation of one foot; £70,250 to £91,700
- amputation of all toes; £30,550 to £46,900
- amputation of big toe; approx. £26,200

Financial losses:

- past and future loss of earnings
- loss of congenial employment; where you are unable to return to your previous type of work
- rehabilitation/retraining costs
- aids equipment and adaptations
- healthcare expenses including surgery costs and medication
- travel expenses



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- care and assistance; both paid help as well as the value of your family's time helping you.

How do I know if I have a claim?

Amputation injuries in the workplace often arise due to unguarded mechanical equipment, unsafe working practices or where a machine has not been properly maintained or is faulty. Even if you have had a lapse in concentration, this will not prevent you obtaining compensation if your employer could have done more to safeguard you from injury. If the injury arose due to the negligence of a colleague then your employers will be answerable for that negligence

It is important to consider what went wrong and how that could have been avoided. Was the employer or your colleague negligent? Was sufficient training provided? Were you given the right tools for the job? Were you provided with suitable personal protective equipment?

In our free initial consultation we will discuss the circumstances of the accident with you carefully and advise whether you have a good claim.