

# Valuation of a spinal injury claim

After suffering a spinal cord injury, clients often ask how much money they are likely to be awarded if they make a claim. Whilst it is difficult to put a number on any one claim before the case has been properly considered, your compensation award is made up of two parts, **General Damages** and **Special Damages**.



How is the compensation award calculated?

## General Damages

For pain, suffering and loss of amenity (the general impact of the accident or incident on your lifestyle).

Takes into account the nature & severity of the injury and their effect on your life now and in the future.

Guidelines and previous similar cases looked at in calculating the amount for general damages.

## Special Damages

For past and future financial losses, including out of pocket expenses.

Includes loss of earnings, cost of care, therapies, aids & equipment, private medical treatment, specially adapted accommodation, vehicles & travel.

To claim, you must prove (1) the loss or expense incurred and (2) that the loss was a result of the injury.

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