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We appreciate all the hard work you put into the case we had. We did realise a good outcome and it was all due to you and the staff that work for Turner Freeman Lawyers.

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When an accident happens on the road, the injuries can be devastating. Turner Freeman has a team of expert lawyers specialising in motor accident law who can assist you in navigating a very complex area of law.

Explanation of area

All motor accident claims in New South Wales that occur after the 1st December 2017 are now governed by the Motor Accident Injuries Act 2017. The new motor accident scheme moves away from a fault-based scheme and forms what is called a hybrid model combining statutory, no-fault benefits with limited access to common law damages.

If you are injured in a motor vehicle accident there are strict time limitation periods that must be adhered to.

If you are involved in a motor vehicle accident, you should:

1. Obtain the registration of the vehicle and details of the other driver.
2. If possible take photographs of the accident site, the cars involved and the name and contact details of any witnesses.
3. Report the incident to the NSW Police within 28 days.
4. Contact your nearest Turner Freeman office and speak to a specialist motor accident compensation lawyer.

A claim for statutory benefits must be made within 28 days of the motor vehicle accident. Claims can be made after 28 days but the process differs and the entitlements to compensation may change.

What are you entitled to?

The law applies differently to people who are at fault and those who are not at fault in a motor vehicle accident and the entitlements and rights differ accordingly. The law also differentiates between injuries which are minor and non-minor and the entitlements differ depending on the severity of injury.

Generally, however, if you are injured in a motor vehicle accident for which you are at fault, you may be entitled to some limited weekly compensation as well as medical treatment expenses and care expenses for up to 26 weeks.

If you are not at fault, in addition to these statutory benefits being extended, you may also be entitled to compensation for pain and suffering.

Because each case is different and the rights to compensation vary greatly, it is important to get expert advice as soon as possible after a motor vehicle accident.

Damages

If you were not at fault, in addition to the statutory benefits, you may also have an entitlement to damages.

Damages can include a lump sum payment to you, which includes compensation for your pain and suffering (known as non-economic loss), as well as your past and future economic loss, including the loss of superannuation.

There are restrictions which apply to when you can bring a claim for damages. As medical and treatment expenses and domestic care entitlements are now indefinite and potentially open to an injured person for life, the cost of those are not paid as part of any damages.

**Our expert lawyers
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