

Motor Vehicle Accident Claims

These arise where you have been in a motor vehicle accident which was caused by someone else or by the driver of a car in which you were a passenger. These claims are made against the compulsory third party insurer of the other motor vehicle or the compulsory third party insurer of the car in which you were a passenger. You can also pursue a motor vehicle claim where the other vehicle leaves the scene or cannot be identified.*

Claims can be made by:

- The driver or passenger injured in a motor vehicle accident.
- Cyclists, pedestrians.
- A dependant of a person who dies in a motor vehicle accident.

You can pursue a MVA claim if you have sustained injuries from the following types of accidents:

- Accidents resulting from collisions or attempts to avoid collisions
- Accidents from driving registered or unregistered vehicles
- Loss of control while driving registered or unregistered vehicles
- Loss of control resulting from vehicle defects

Compensation can include:

- Money for past and future medical expenses
- Rehabilitation and pharmaceutical expenses
- Loss of income
- Care and assistance
- Pain and suffering
- Loss of enjoyment of life

Time Limits

There is a strict 3-year time limit that applies to MVA claims. While a 3-year time limit usually applies, a Compulsory Third-Party insurer must be notified of a claim within 9 months of the date of the accident or within 1 month of engaging a solicitor. (There are exceptions to this that can be discussed with your lawyer.)

It is very important to see a lawyer as soon as possible so that your legal rights can be protected.

Fees

We don't charge fees unless we win your case. When we win your case, our fees are reasonable.

*All Queensland vehicles are required to have third-party insurance as part of the vehicle registration. If there is none, the government body known as the Nominal Defendant will take their place. Your claim will be filed against the party considered 'at-fault'. You can pursue a claim for loss of future income, pain and suffering, out-of-pocket expenses, medical, rehabilitation and care expenses.