

Compensation for Road Traffic Accidents

Following a road traffic accident I was off work for 4 months. I have now returned but still suffer pain in my shoulder which makes it difficult to lift things. What compensation am I entitled to?

You will be entitled to compensation in accordance with the Spanish scales for personal injury compensation in road traffic accidents. The first element of compensation is based on a daily rate per day of suffering. There are three levels of the daily rate; days spent in hospital, days spent recovering at home and days where you have recovered to some extent but may still be receiving some form of treatment. The Court will need medical evidence, in particular hospital records/records of treatment received to determine the periods for which you should receive compensation under each limb of this heading.

Additionally you will be entitled to receive compensation in respect of any permanent injury – for example you may suffer ongoing pain or have restricted movement. Again medical evidence will be crucial in supporting any claim for compensation under this heading.

The insurer may have made you an offer – it is important to have any such offer properly assessed in accordance with your injuries/ the Spanish scales in order to determine whether or not it is fair.

The lawyers and solicitor at Puerta Vides are highly qualified in this area, frequently receiving instructions from insurance companies to act on behalf of their insured in recovering compensation.

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