

Personal Injury

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority claims



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At a glance

- The CICA is a non-departmental public body funded by the Ministry of Justice. Awards range from £1,000 to the maximum award of £500,000.
- The CICA will award compensation to victims of crimes of violence to include assaults, trauma, sexual abuse and victims of acts of terrorism.
- Applications to the CICA must be lodged within two years of the crime of violence. Exceptions to this rule apply in abuse cases. Children who are injured will require a responsible adult to act on their behalf throughout the application.

What is it?

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) will not pay for applicant's solicitor's costs. Therefore, the applicant who successfully recovers compensation from the CICA for their injuries must pay their solicitors out of their compensation award. The appropriate funding option for CICA cases is what is known as a contingency fee agreement. This agreement stipulates that the solicitors takes a percentage cut of whatever the client recovers in compensation, to cover their costs.

If you are the innocent victim of a crime of violence and you have suffered either physical or psychiatric injuries or both, you may be entitled to bring a claim for compensation to the CICA for your injury and some limited financial losses arising out of the injuries.

What do I need and what are the consequences of not having it?

If you have been the victim of a crime of violence then not only have you sustained injury, either physical and/or psychological, but you may have also experienced loss of earnings. The CICA will consider compensating the applicant for loss of earnings arising out of a crime of violence and the related injuries, except they will not compensate the applicant for the first 28 weeks of loss of earnings.

Additionally, the CICA will consider funding any future treatment costs which may be required in order to treat the injuries.

An applicant bringing a CICA claim must have fully cooperated with Police throughout. The CICA considers the

value of each claim on a case by case basis and will obtain evidence from the applicant's GP and from the Police. If an applicant has a criminal record then the CICA will reduce the award on public policy grounds.

Why Linder Myers?

The Linder Myers Personal Injury Department has solicitors who specialise in representing clients in applications to the CICA. We have a long history successfully recovering very good settlements on behalf of our clients. Our solicitors will represent their clients from the first contact from the client with our firm, all the way through to any Hearings in front of the Tribunal Service (which hear appeals).

If you have been injured as a result of a crime of violence then the CICA exists to compensate you for your injuries.

Take action!

Being the victim of a crime of violence can be a distressing and traumatic experience for the victim. We at Linder Myers are here to guide you through the process of making an application to the CICA to attempt to seek the compensation you deserve for your injuries.

Contact us

If you would like to speak directly to a solicitor for specialist advice please contact us.

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