

InjuriesBoard.ie, formerly known as the Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB), is an independent statutory body set up under the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003.

The Board provides an independent assessment of personal injury claims for compensation following road traffic, workplace or public liability accidents. Where the person responsible (the respondent) does not consent to InjuriesBoard.ie assessing your claim for compensation, InjuriesBoard.ie will allow you to pursue your claim through the courts.

Personal Injury victims often make mistakes that can inadvertently damage their case.

The following guidelines may be of some assistance if you have unfortunately been involved in an accident:

Get Medical Help

If you have been in an accident your health is the primary concern. Even if you feel fine, you should go to a doctor to get a professional opinion. Injuries following an accident can often take time before showing symptoms. The Personal Injuries Board or a court will look for all medical reports in relation to the incident. Insurance companies may try to reduce your claim if you did not seek prompt medical advice.

Call the Gardaí

Calling the Gardaí, especially after a car accident, is very important. Even if the Gardaí do not attend at the scene reporting the accident will create an official record of the incident. That way, if the other party later denies the incident, the garda statement or record can be used as evidence.

Preserve Evidence

The more evidence you have of the incident the better. Most people these days have a camera on their phone. Take as many pictures as possible from different viewpoints. Crucially, record the licence plate of the vehicle, name, address, contact numbers and insurance details. Also, record the names and contact numbers of any witnesses. Do not rely solely on insurance details, it is possible that the person is using false insurance details.

Seek Legal Advice

If you are making a claim it is important to seek legal advice as soon as possible. The sooner you seek advice the sooner your case can be organized and any potential issues identified. It is important to remember that if you accept a settlement you will forfeit any claim. Also, there are strict time limits in relation to personal injury claims.

At O'Connor McCormack Solicitors, we are experienced personal injury solicitors who can provide advice and guidance through the entire process. We would be happy to offer you a free consultation to help you assess your case.