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## **What if I have an Accident?**

Accidents will happen: They can happen to you.

Every day people are injured in the street, at home, at work and even on holiday. In fact accidents can happen anywhere, at any time. Apart from the obvious inconvenience and injury, accidents, especially if there are other people involved, can cost you money.

## **Insurance:**

While accidents cannot be avoided, the blow can be softened by adequate insurance.

There are many policies which salesmen will be only too glad to sell you. Your Solicitor can advise you on what is good policy for you to take.

## **If An Accident Happens To You**

There are many questions to be answered.

Has anyone been injured?

Who is legally responsible?

What compensation should be paid?

A solicitor has the skill and knowledge you need.

- He will act in your interest and advise if you are entitled to Legal Aid.
- He will make sure that compensation coming to you is your full entitlement.
- He will also look after special damages such as loss of wages.
- If you must go to court, your solicitor will act in your interest and pursue your claim vigorously.

### **How Much Will It Cost?**

Most solicitors offer a short initial consultation for a small charge. They will listen to your case, and explain where you stand. Any charges will be fair and reasonable and based upon the amount of work done. Many people will be entitled to free legal aid advice. Your solicitor will advise you accordingly.

### **Which solicitor do I use?**

Most solicitors undertake this kind of work. However, if you have difficulty in obtaining a solicitor in your area, you should consult the legal aid list - available at public libraries and through the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

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