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What is CICA - the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority?

CICA is a government body set up to compensate the victims of violent crime. Using a tariff system, it will pay out an award in circumstances where you might otherwise receive nothing. The award is made even if the attacker is never traced.

At Andrew & Andrew, our qualified lawyers can explain the system and how it works, in a short meeting which will be at no cost to you. We can then prepare your claim professionally, advise you and prepare an appeal if you are not happy with the CICA's decision.

What you need to do

We will advise you fully, but there are some basic facts that will help you decide whether you have a case or not:

- You must have been the victim of a violent attack.
- You must have reported the attack to the police within 48 hours of it happening.
- It must have taken place in England, Scotland or Wales.
- Your injury must be serious enough to qualify. For example, black eyes or small bruises do not qualify.
- Though there are some exceptions, you generally cannot apply more than two years after the injury occurred.
- You will be refused if your own conduct led to the attack, such as starting a fight.
- You will be refused if you have not co-operated with the police investigating the crime.



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- If you have any convictions yourself you must tell us straight away as this can affect your award.
- On average it takes nine months for the CICA to gather the information they need and make an award.

Costs

The Government does not pay legal fees so our costs will be deducted from your award. We can tell you how much before you decide to proceed. By presenting your case we can maximise your award. If you have a genuine case which is unsuccessful, we will not send you a bill.

The tariff system

There is a set list of amounts awarded for specific injuries. The lowest amount is £1,000. As an example

this would be awarded for broken toes. The largest amount is £250,000. The amount payable when other losses such as earnings are included, can be anything up to £500,000.

Fatal injuries

If someone has died due to a criminal attack, their next of kin or dependants can apply to the CICA to compensate for that person's loss of earnings.

School incidents

If an attack involving a child happens at school and the police are not involved, but the school deals with the incident, you can still make a CICA claim for compensation.

What to do next

After reading this leaflet, if you believe you have a CICA case and want a Government award, please discuss this with one of our lawyers. We are here to act on your behalf. Remember your first discussion is

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About Andrew & Andrew

At Andrew & Andrew, criminal injuries compensation is just one of the specialised areas in which our experienced lawyers can offer you qualified expert help. We are renowned for our attention to detail, and we will not stop working until we have got you the best result.

We have around 50 staff, so we are able to ensure you get personal attention and the good service you deserve. You will find we are modern in our approach and will keep you well informed as the case proceeds.

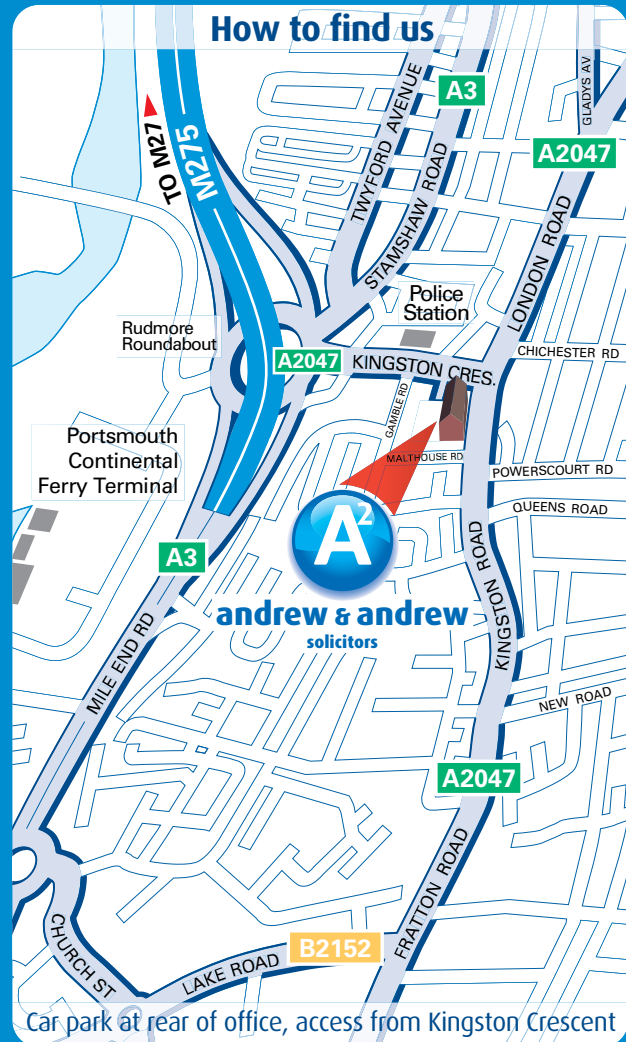
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