

# Recover

COMPENSATE NETWORK

A guide to your personal injury claim.

Recover Compensate Network is a service to help firms of solicitors throughout Scotland and beyond to access expert legal help for personal injury compensation. Digby Brown Solicitors manages and operates Recover as a simple way for local firms who may not have either the capacity or expertise to refer their clients, safe in the knowledge that they will receive the very best advice and service.



### **Taking care of you after your accident**

If you are reading this leaflet you are likely to have either been in an accident or are a close relative or friend to someone who has. We understand that this can be a very stressful and confusing time and you will have many questions and concerns about the accident. We are here to help.

## Why use a Recover Network firm?

There are many benefits for clients using a Recover Network firm, including:

- Immediate access to the very best experienced and expert personal injury lawyers
- Free and no obligation assessment of your claim by specialist lawyers with an immediate decision on the likely outcome
- A comprehensive No win No fee basis without any hidden costs. No contribution to insurance premiums or outlays
- Expert witnesses - because the case is funded, expert witnesses can be sought to bolster your case and fully explain your loss, due to the accident
- Speeding up the process - access to the expertise of experienced lawyers helps with robust negotiations which ensures the best results and speeds up the claims process.



## Expert help, when you need it most

If you have been injured in an accident you need the services of a specialist personal injury solicitor. Digby Brown has specialist departments that cover every type of circumstance and injury from road traffic accidents to accidents at work or defective products and foreign nationals working in Scotland, or Scottish people working abroad to extensive experience in asbestos-related diseases – the list goes on and on.

If someone has lost their life because of negligence, we can help. Digby Brown has years of experience helping those who have lost a family member find out answers they seek, and if necessary, helping in fatal accident enquiries. Seeking compensation, although necessary, we accept, is never making up for what has happened.

Our Serious Injury department, based in Glasgow, has over 40 years of experience dealing with brain, spinal or limb loss cases. These types of cases require both expertise and dedication. For those who have suffered these injuries will find their whole life has been turned upside down and we can access specialist advice far beyond simply the law.

We actively work with hundreds of other law firms across Scotland and beyond who recognise our expertise in the complicated area of personal injury litigation.



## Funding with no hidden costs

The most important aspect of any personal injury case is funding, allowing you access to justice at no financial risk.

The process of applying for Recover Network support is very straightforward. Your lawyer will take your details and apply to Compensate for support. If the Network specialist solicitors consider that the case has a reasonable prospect of success, Compensate will enter into a contract with you to support your claim. That contract will provide that, in exchange for a percentage of your damages, Compensate will fund your case throughout and will pay for all expert reports needed to maximise your claim.

## Compensate funding explained

Digby Brown owns and operates Compensate, which is the trading name of Compensation Claims Funding Limited. Compensate is a comprehensive funding and indemnity package backed by a separate insurance policy. In simple terms, Compensate covers the risk while providing funding for the costs involved in making a personal injury claim.

In the event of a successful outcome to your case, an agreed percentage of the damages you receive will be deducted from your settlement. If the case is lost Compensate meets all the costs.

Digby Brown will carry out an initial investigation into the circumstances of your accident. If they consider that your claim has reasonable prospects of success, the papers will be referred to Compensate who will carry out a separate assessment of the case. That contract will provide that, in exchange for a percentage of your damages, payable at the end of the case, Compensate will fund your case throughout, paying all outlays for medical records, expert witnesses and other expenses incurred, as well as giving you complete protection in relation to the expenses of the court action. Compensate will take out a legal expenses insurance policy, in their name and at their expense, to give you guaranteed peace of mind.

Digby Brown will then be instructed to proceed with your claim. Many accident victims are forced to accept inadequate out of court settlements because they, or the legal firm representing them, cannot afford to take the wrongdoer to court.

With the Compensate indemnity and funding package, you can negotiate from a position of strength. If a satisfactory settlement cannot be obtained, your case can be pursued through the courts.



Providing access to justice and legal expertise for those involved in an accident through no fault of their own.

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## Specialist departments dealing with:

Road traffic related accidents

Car accidents

Cycling accidents

Motorcycling accidents

Pedestrian accidents

Work related accidents

Asbestos-related disease

Industrial disease

Abuse - physical/mental/sexual

Accidents abroad

Clinical negligence

Criminal assault

Defective product

Fatal accidents

Professional negligence

Public place accidents

Brain and spinal injuries

Loss of limb