

Injured on holiday?



Everyone hopes they will have a safe and happy holiday, whether they go abroad or stay in the UK. But unfortunately accidents do happen - on the roads, while using leisure or sporting facilities, and in various other circumstances just as they might when you are not on holiday. Michelle Gooden, a solicitor at King's Lynn firm Ward Gethin, gives some advice on what to do if this happens to you this summer.

If you are involved in a road accident while you are on holiday make sure you obtain full names, addresses and insurance details of everyone involved and contact details for any witnesses. This applies even if you are overseas, try to get proof of identity of the other parties and their addresses. The make, model and registration of the vehicles involved as well as their country of origin would also be helpful. In some circumstances you may need to

use an overseas solicitor to claim; if this is the case we can help you to find one.

If you sustain an injury as the result of an accident which is not your fault while on a package holiday make sure you have the accident logged at the place of accident and also through your holiday rep. For example if you hurt yourself due to poorly maintained hotel pool, ensure you report the accident both to the hotel and to your holiday rep, and also take photographs of the poorly maintained area and ask for a copy of the accident report.

With any type of accident abroad, you should seek advice as soon as possible after your return. We are used to the UK's general 3 year time frame for bringing a claim but in some other countries it is substantially shorter and if you have an accident on a boat or an aeroplane you may only have 2 years to bring a claim.

If you need individual advice on any of these issues, you can contact Michelle on 01553 660033 or via the Ward Gethin website.



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