

# Injuries Board awards €243m in compensation in 2013



Stephen Watkins, Director of Corporate Services at the Injuries Board, gives an overview of the Board's activities in 2013 and reminds readers of the Injuries Board's new app which can be downloaded easily.

**M**ore consumers and insurers are using the cost effective and user friendly Injuries Board service to resolve their personal injury claims, according to new figures released by the Board recently. The Injuries Board is the Government body that handles personal injury claims and awards compensation for accidents on the road, in the workplace or in public places.

Last year the Injuries Board made 10,656 personal injury awards delivering a total of €243.5m in compensation to consumers in Ireland. Claimants received their compensation in just over 7 months without the need for lengthy litigation or a Court appearance.

The average compensation award last year was €22,847. Once again, the Injuries Board is stressing the importance of vigilance on the country's roads, as over three in four (75%) awards were for injuries from road traffic accidents in 2013 while 8% were workplace accidents and 17% public place accidents.

Last year, the Injuries Board made its highest ever compensation award of €1.39m. The Board handles the full spectrum of personal injury cases ranging from very severe injuries to both moderate and minor injuries. The Board has a team of expert assessors to assist claimants and uses an independent medical panel to ensure the full extent of claimants injuries are determined and reflected in the compensation award they receive.

Last year Limerick residents were the most likely to receive an award for personal injury compensation, based on population, followed by Longford, Louth, Dublin and Carlow. Meanwhile, Leitrim residents were the least likely to receive an award of compensation in 2013, followed by Roscommon, Wexford, Wicklow and Kilkenny.

The Injuries Board is reminding consumers that its free app can be downloaded from the App Store, on Google Play or via [www.injuriesboard.ie](http://www.injuriesboard.ie). It features an interactive "estimator" where accident victims can click on a body part to estimate what compensation they may be due and they can also register for a call back.

The Injuries Board is the Government body which makes personal injury awards to those who have suffered an accident that was caused by another party. Consumers are reminded that they can submit a claim directly to the Board for a refundable €45 fee and they do not have to submit details through any third party and thus incur additional and unnecessary costs.

The Injuries Board can be contacted by telephoning our Lo-Call helpline 1890 829 121 between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday, by logging on to [www.injuriesboard.ie](http://www.injuriesboard.ie) or by writing to us at InjuriesBoard.ie, P.O. Box 8, Clonakilty, Co Cork.

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