

# Personal Injury



## Compensation Types in Texas

If you or someone you love has been injured in an accident caused by someone else's negligence, there are eight distinct types of compensation which can be sought:

### PHYSICAL PAIN

You can recover compensation for the pain you have experienced as a result of your bodily injuries. It's also possible to recover damages for future physical pain, although you cannot do so on mere speculation. You must be able to show that future pain is probable - which requires proof.

### MENTAL ANGUISH

Due to the emotional and psychological trauma of suffering an injury, mental anguish damages are recoverable. It is also possible for you to recover mental anguish damages for the aggravation of preexisting medical conditions.

### DISFIGUREMENT

Common disfigurement claims often involve scars, burns and amputations. Disfigurement claims do not necessarily involve large or obviously noticeable issues to support a claim. Oftentimes, the estimated cost of cosmetic repair is factored into the case's value.

### PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT

This is based on the loss of enjoyment of life you've experienced due to your inability to participate in work or other activities due to being injured. Proper real life examples are key to the recovery of this damages component.

### MEDICAL EXPENSES

Medical expenses include all healthcare treatment you have received and will need in the future as a result of your injuries. Insurance companies routinely challenge the necessity of the care and/or the amount of the charges. Future medical expenses must have documented support.

### LOSS OF WAGES

If you missed work, or missed out on the ability to earn wages, this is recoverable. Even if you were paid through sick leave or vacation benefits, you can recover. The key is proper documentation from your medical provider and employer, along with financial documents.

### LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

This typically refers to the inability to engage in normal marital relations as a result of your injuries. While not a common claim, this is used in extremely severe injury cases such as those involving paralysis, traumatic brain injury and loss of limbs.

### LOSS OF SERVICES

If you previously performed duties around the house which you will no longer be able to perform, it is possible to recover compensation since someone else will now need to be paid to perform these duties. This typically includes things such as housekeeping, childcare and other domestic services.