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National Road Victim Month

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[National Road Victim Month](#) is held annually in August to remember those that have been killed or injured on our roads. The date is poignant as it remembers the death of Princess Diana on 31st August 1997 and the death of Bridget Driscoll in 1896, the first recorded death by a motor vehicle.

Statistics show that five people are killed on our roads every day, and over sixty people are seriously injured.

Road traffic accidents do not only take lives. They also have devastating consequences that affect individuals, families, and communities. A road accident's physical, emotional, and financial impact can be overwhelming and long-lasting, leading to disabilities, emotional trauma, and financial stress.

They can also leave survivors with life-long chronic injuries and disabilities requiring essential rehabilitation and support. Early intervention with rehabilitation can minimise the long-term impact of an injury.

Road traffic accident claims & compensation

Lester Aldridge's specialist personal injury solicitors are experts in obtaining compensation for victims of accidents on the roads and ensuring that early rehabilitation is organised to give their clients the best chance of recovery.

Under the Rehabilitation Code 2015, claimant solicitors can obtain, if the defendant insurer agrees to act under the code, the provision of funding for rehabilitation. In a personal injury case, whilst neither party is required to agree to the Rehabilitation Code, a major advantage to the injured person is that any funds paid under the code are not paid back to the insurer, whatever the outcome of his case. Securing funds for rehabilitation available to utilise in the early stages of an injury can make a huge difference to the overall prospect and extent of recovery, which is why insurers have an interest in providing money for rehabilitation; the greater the injured person recovers, the less the overall value of the claim is likely to be. For example, if an injured person has returned to work sooner as a result of early rehabilitation funding, this potentially means a lower loss of earning claim that will need to be met by the defendant insurer.

At Lester Aldridge, we can assist by nominating chosen rehabilitation agencies and asking the at-fault party to fund an Initial Needs Assessment report by one of these agencies so your needs are assessed right from the

start. We may also appoint a case manager at this stage to help with implementing the recommendations.

Our team are happy to discuss your concerns free of charge and without obligation. Please get in touch with us at online.enquiries@LA-law.com or 0344 967 0791.