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# Main Question's

## What do I do to reduce insurance claims?

What is the process when a claim is made?

Reducing the claim impact is largely in your hands - Get your ducks in row?



Reducing Claims - Be Proactive

k Have a COMPANY HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY and DO WHAT YOU SAY YOU WILL DO.

 Make sure staff are trained to do the task you ask them to carry out. MAKE SURE YOU RECORD THE TRAINING.

If you make your own equipment – MAKE SURE YOU COMPLY WITH BSEN 1176 & BSEN 1177.

Make sure you are meeting the aims of the Industry Code for Hygiene

# Reducing Claims - Be Proactive

& Reduce the likelihood of accidents or incidents

- Make sure your staff tells you when something has happened which NEARLY led to an accident
  FOLLOW IT UP by reviewing the location
  Keep a note in the day book of what you did.
- Make sure signs are clear and they tell the user HOW TO USE the equipment if it can be badly misused or HOW TO FEED animals.
- Do your **RISK ASSESSMENTS** and then IMPLEMENT THE CONTROLS. Ensure they cover ALL TASKS or AREAS.

#### Reducing Claims Levels - Be Proactive

- & Complete Accident Books including treatment given.
- Incident you believe will lead to a claim Ask those involved to write a record AS SOON AFTER THE INCIDENT AS POSSIBLE of what they saw, what was said and what they did.
- Photograph the location of the incident and any signs applicable or ground conditions.
- Make sure your ADIPS or Independent Inspections are carried out and you have received a report/certificates
- Make sure equipment is inspected daily or as the manufacturer recommends.

#### Reducing Claims Levels - Be Proactive

k Read your insurance small print − T&C's

k They are binding and many claims are lost because the condition was not met.

If you don't like a condition, or you don't understand what is required – Or Why, Talk to your Broker / Insurance Company when you take the policy out

# If you get a claim

Send copies of all the relevant documents to your Broker or Insurance Company if you don't have a broker.

& Enclose any CCTV footage relevant.

& Complete incident notification forms.

## Claims Process

- Simplifies the claims management and reduces the legal costs significantly.
- & A proportionality test for costs
- k In complex cases, Courts will control costs from an early stage.
- & Claims being electronically managed
- Introduces a CLAIMS PORTAL for claims under £25,000

#### Claims Process

K You may get a call from a solicitor if they don't know who your Broker or Insurer is.

Nou MUST tell them who your Insurance Broker is, or Insurance Company if you don't have a Broker

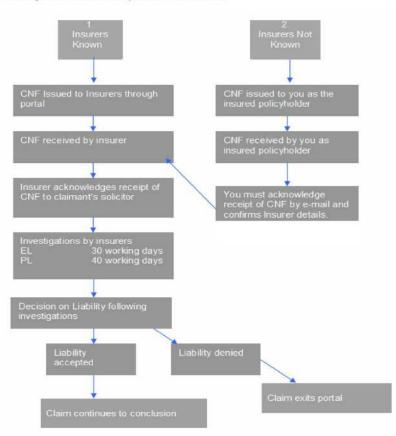
A Claims Notification Form will be issued to Insurers via Portal

When you receive it, you only have 24hours to reply



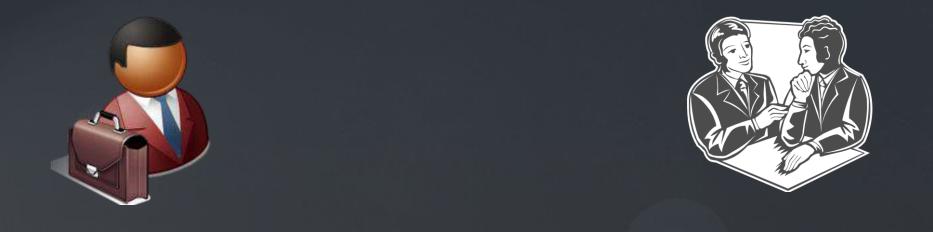
#### How will a claimant pursue a formal claim?

A claimant will instruct a Solicitor, who in turn will issue a Claims Notification Form (CNF). The following flow chart shows the process to be followed:



The document you receive may be titled CNF or DNF (Defendant Only Notification Form). Regardless, stage 2 of the flow chart will apply.

You only have 24 hours to acknowledge the CNF



#### Having a good Broker or Insurance Company.

# You understanding HOW they work and what they will do FOR YOU.

Making sure they understand your business.