

# Case Study: Two Broken Legs But No Compensation

**AJ**

In 2004, 30 sheets of glass weighing about 750 kilograms fell on to 47-year-old construction company employee AJ when he was helping to unload a truck.

He was pinned under the weight of the glass for some time, and sustained multiple fractures and irreparable damage to both legs.

After two-and-a-half months in hospital and six months rehabilitation, AJ was left unable to walk or stand for long periods, and unable to bend or squat at all.

His left leg now contains a pin and four nails, and his right knee has extreme ligament damage.

AJ takes pain killers on a regular basis and often cannot sleep because of the intense discomfort.

He cannot take part in activities he used to enjoy, like walking, and is no longer fit to work in construction.

As a result of the injuries, AJ has developed arthritis in his knees and will require further operations in the future.

Unable to return to the construction industry, AJ

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now works in a job that is almost exclusively administrative and his income has dropped by \$25,000 per annum.

Despite the major income and lifestyle changes imposed on AJ and his family, and his constant pain and impending medical problems, AJ was assessed at only three per cent whole person impairment.

This is 12 per cent below the threshold to claim compensation in New South Wales.

The legal barriers to fair compensation in NSW are too harsh. They need to be changed.

Contact your local MP and make your views known. Your actions can help make a positive change.

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