

Case Study: At 23, Ted's Future is Uncertain

Ted

In 2005, Ted was working up to eight metres above the ground on a building site when he fell, hitting the concrete below.

His employer failed to provide scaffolding, safety equipment or training to keep Ted and his fellow workers safe onsite.

When he fell, Ted lost consciousness and was flown by helicopter to Royal North Shore Hospital.

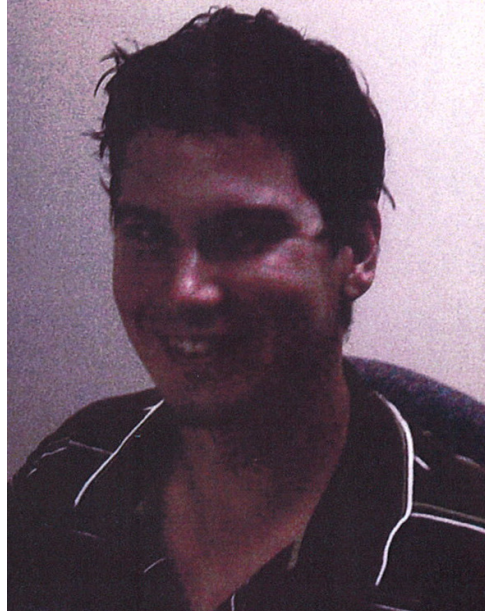
Ted sustained head injuries, as well as injuries to his left shoulder, back, neck and ribs.

Ted had a plate and eight screws inserted into his left shoulder. He does not know if they will ever come out.

His head injuries mean he now has trouble concentrating and is forgetful. He has difficulty judging distances and finds himself knocking into things constantly.

He can no longer concentrate on reading science fiction novels, his favourite pastime before the accident. His doctors say that he will never be able to return to heavy work.

Married with a 10-month-old son, Ted has tried bar work as a means of supporting his family, but finds it too painful and difficult.



Despite the severity of his injuries, Ted's lawyers say that he is unlikely to meet the required threshold to receive compensation.

At just 23 years old, Ted faces an uncertain future.

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

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