

Case Study: Not at Fault, But Matteo's Lost a Lot

Matteo

Matteo was a passenger on the back of his friend's motorbike when the driver lost control, catapulting him onto the road.

His ankle was dislocated and fractured in several places, and he suffered lacerations and bruising.

In severe pain but still conscious, it was Matteo who called the ambulance to help take him and his friend to hospital.

Matteo underwent surgery, with screws inserted into his ankle. The screws had been placed across the bone, preventing him from placing any weight on it.

Two months later, Matteo had to undergo more painful surgery to remove the screws. Six months after the accident, Matteo began to walk again.

Before the accident, the 25-year-old worked as a boilermaker. This job was very physically demanding, involving lots of lifting and heavy labour.

Although he is back with the same employer, he has had to lighten his workload.

Matteo was also a keen athlete, jogging regularly and participating in sports with his

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mates after work. He has had to give this up.

He has been told that he will develop osteoarthritis in his ankles in the future.

Despite the seriousness of his injuries, Matteo was assessed at below 10 per cent whole person impairment.

This means that he cannot receive compensation for the pain and suffering he has endured as the result of an accident that was not his fault.

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

Contact your local MP to make your views known.

Nothing will change unless you take action

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