

## Do You Suffer From Miners' Knee?

Miners' Knee is a term used for osteoarthritis of the knee, which is a frequent ailment of those who have worked in the mines. Symptoms include pain, swelling, stiffness and reduced mobility and it can be caused by extended periods of kneeling, crawling or transporting heavy loads.

Following extensive representations, the Government has announced that osteoarthritis of the knee in miners is being added to the list of 'prescribed diseases', making it possible for sufferers to claim compensation from the state in the form of Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

Sufferers from the disease will be able to claim if they have worked for ten years or more underground.

The change is expected to come into force in the next few months.

If you suffer from a disease caused by your working conditions or have suffered an accident at work because of your employer's failure to comply with health and safety regulations, you may be entitled to compensation.

Contact Edmund Coxhead for claims advice.

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