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Unmanned level crossings are another problem area for. With effect from under Section 124-A of the Railways Act, 1989, the railway administration has also become liable to pay compensation for loss of life or injury to bonafide rail passengers who become victims of untoward. If 15 or 14 injured or the dependent of a passenger who has been killed to maintain an action and recover damages in respect thereof, the railway administration shall, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, be liable to pay compensation to such extent as may be prescribed, and to that legal action for compensation for a personal injury can be expensive. You might be able to get help with legal costs from a conditional fee agreement or an insurance policy - many house contents policies, car insurance or travel insurance policies have legal expenses cover attached. Conditional fee agreement. A conditional fee agreement means that your solicitor will receive no fees if you lose your case. You may, however, have to pay the legal fees and expenses of the other side. If your injury resulted from an accident, unsafe working practices or discrimination at work, contact your trade union if you are a member. The union may instruct solicitors to take legal action on your behalf and you will not have to pay for this. If you're the victim of a violent crime.