

New Road Toll Device Technology To Make Britain's Roads Safer

Transport Minister, Mr Paul Clark announced earlier this month that the government funded road pricing trials, are to go ahead.

The trials will rely on volunteers to fit satellite-tracking devices to their vehicles and an on-board unit which will automatically deduct payments from an account set up in the driver's name. If successful this technology could then be used to collect all road charges, such as congestion charges and tolls for crossing bridges. The trails are set to cost the government £4 million this financial year alone.

Raised issues of privacy have now been resolved as drivers will have the option available to them of preventing the unit from transmitting locations to the billing centre, and will quite simply just read the number of miles driven.

Four companies have been appointed by the Department for Transport to test the charging systems and a further three companies have been appointed to test methods of enforcing a pricing scheme and ensuring its accuracy. If the trial is successful it could lead to drivers having to pay up to £1.30 per mile in the most congested areas.

MyClaim can only support measures that will effectively reduce congestion on Britain's roads, when 70 to 75% of all personal injury claims are as a consequence of road traffic accidents. Sadly this is not surprising when the Department for Transport reports that there were 247,000 casualties resulting from accidents on British roads in 2007, 27,774 of which were serious injuries and 2,946 were fatalities.

Clearly, the problem of increasing congestion on our roads is making them ever more dangerous. Whilst no driver would like to have to pay congestion charges it is accepted by most that something needs to be done to significantly reduce congestion on our roads. It is hoped that drivers will be encouraged to use other forms of transport as an alternative to their car.

Unfortunately, most drivers will be involved in an accident on the road at some point, and although in the majority of cases the injuries will not be serious, it is common for accidents to result in injuries, particularly whiplash.

If you are unfortunate enough to be involved in a road traffic accident and have suffered injury MyClaim can help. It guarantees that your claim will be handled by a specialist firm of solicitors rated number 1 in its area by the Legal 500, who will obtain the maximum compensation for you. Furthermore, MyClaim's solicitors can represent you on a 'No Win No Fee' basis and guarantee that you will receive 100% of your compensation. Your claim will also be settled in the shortest possible time, through use of cutting edge technology in conjunction with invaluable experience.