



Fatal Accidents Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 30

1A Bereavement.

- (1) An action under this Act may consist of or include a claim for damages for bereavement.
- (2) A claim for damages for bereavement shall only be for the benefit—
 - (a) of the wife or husband of the deceased; and
 - (b) where the deceased was a minor who was never married—
 - (i) of his parents, if he was legitimate; and
 - (ii) of his mother, if he was illegitimate.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5) below, the sum to be awarded as damages under this section shall be [^{F1}£7,500].
- (4) Where there is a claim for damages under this section for the benefit of both the parents of the deceased, the sum awarded shall be divided equally between them (subject to any deduction falling to be made in respect of costs not recovered from the defendant).
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may by order made by statutory instrument, subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, amend this section by varying the sum for the time being specified in subsection (3) above.

Textual Amendments

F1 Word in [s. 1A\(3\)](#) substituted (1.4.1991) by [S.I. 1990/2575](#), [art. 2](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/04/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Fatal Accidents Act 1976, Section 1A.