

Metropolitan Police Authority

Claims for compensation under the Riot Damages Act 1886

If you've suffered loss or damage as a result of the recent riots you may be able to claim compensation.

Under the Riot (Damages) Act 1886, the Metropolitan Police Authority is liable to pay for damage to buildings and their contents which has occurred in the course of a riot in London (excluding the City of London). The Act provides for compensation to be paid for losses through injury, destruction or stealing, to houses, shops and other buildings or their contents caused by any person involved in a riot. Claims will be assessed in accordance with the legal definition of a riot.

The Act does not include damage to or theft of a vehicle unless that vehicle was housed within a building. It also excludes personal injuries, compensation for non-material losses, such as interruption to trading. No costs will be allowed to any person claiming. The Act applies to both insured and uninsured members of the public as well as insured and uninsured businesses.

How to claim

If you do have insurance, please check the terms of your insurance policy and contact your insurer. Your insurer may require you to complete a claim form.

If you are uninsured and wish to make a claim you will need to fill out the [claim form](#) [PDF document]. You have 42 days in which to make this claim, counted from the first day after the damage occurred.

A central claims office has been set up to process claims. You can contact this office for guidance on how to complete the claims form by calling 0845 641 4925 or emailing: riotclaimsnotification@cl-uk.com

Once you have completed your claim form, please send it to:

PO Box 26948

Glasgow

Scotland

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