



Judge Rejects Toxic Sofa Claims

More than 300 people who suffered burns after purchasing a sofa from Land of Leather will not receive compensation following a High Court ruling.

The burns were the result of the fungicide called dimethyl fumarate (DMF) which is used to prevent leather going mouldy whilst stored in humid conditions. DMF was used on Linkwise sofas made in China and purchased by Land of Leather.

The insurance company Zurich argued that Land of Leather's agreement with Linkwise breached terms of its insurance policy and this was upheld by the High Court. This means that Zurich do not have to pay on behalf of Land of Leather. Whilst the affected claimants still have a right of action against Land of Leather, it will not be worth pursuing the company as it was placed in administration in 2009. This means that it is extremely unlikely that the claimants would receive any money even if they were successful.

If you have suffered an injury that was not your fault, it is important that you take legal advice at the earliest opportunity. It is essential not only to consider whether you have a claim but also whether the party responsible for your injury is worth suing.

If you think you may have a claim, contact our specialist personal injury lawyers for immediate advice. Call Actons Solicitors free on **08081 355 355** or [click here](#) to start your claim now.