The law relating to damages for personal injuries is a large and complicated subject. Where a living claimant sues, the award will usually be for a lump sum to compensate for such matters as loss of future income, pain, suffering and loss of amenity. This once and for all payment has the advantage of finality and is preferred by many claimants, but there may be occasions where it is inappropriate. The chapter focuses on what damages are awarded for in tort law and how they are calculated, as well as some of the criticisms and problems that such calculations often raise. It discusses types of action for damages, calculation of loss of earnings and other losses and intangible losses.
19. Damages for death and personal injuries

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