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7 Families is a charity led campaign to provide a tax-free income for one year to seven people who have lost their income because of a serious or long-term illness or disability and who didn't have income protection insurance.



Today in the UK 2.2m people of working age will be off work for at least 6 months at any one time through sickness and disability.

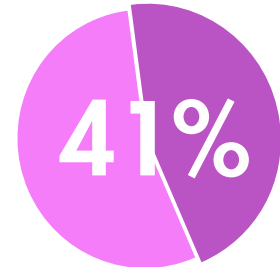


The Thornley Family

In 2013 Nikki was paralysed in a motorcycle accident that has left her unable to work since.

"I lost control of my bike and hit a car. After a couple of days in a Borders hospital, I was transferred to the National Spinal Unit in Glasgow. I spent the next 11 months there away from my husband and two small boys. I don't remember anyone actually telling me I would never walk again, I think it just became apparent over time" said Nikki.

"The biggest change to my life has been the transition from being someone who is so fiercely independent to having to ask for help, and I'm still trying to get my head around that now. It has been really difficult, especially when I see our cars flying around with their blues and twos on. However, I'm looking forward to going back work part-time, whatever it is I can do. As long as I'm able to add something I just want to get back to work."



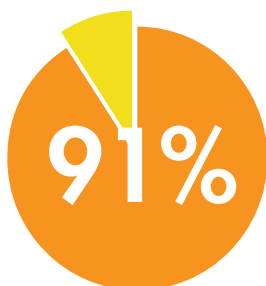
41% of workers with less than a month in savings would receive no employer sick pay if they were ill.



In August 2014 there were 2.51 million people claiming Employment & Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefits.



On average 4 in 5 people with cancer are £570 a month worse off than before.



91% of all individual Income Protection claims were paid by insurers in 2013.



2,078,536 people are covered by Income Protection from their employer.



7 families – The campaign highlights the need to plan financially in case you become too ill to earn an income. The charity Disability Rights UK are working with the seven families where the main breadwinner has been forced out of work by an accident or illness.

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