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Letter to the editor
The Daily Telegraph

Sir

Re: Health and safety rules are a joke, says peer, 14 June, 2010

In the midst of promises to get rid of regulation and red-tape, I urge our new Government not to lose sight of the fact that health and safety laws were introduced to protect vulnerable people. While an injection of common sense is welcome, deregulating health and safety just because of populist headlines would be a mistake.

We would welcome an open, sensible and well informed debate, which also takes into account that compensation claims have, in most areas, fallen over the last ten years.

Yours faithfully

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