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Letter to the editor  
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Sir

**Re: Slipping on streets paved with gold, by Paul Bracchi, 12 July 210**

It is absolutely right that everything possible should be done to fight fraudulent claims, but people who suffer needless injuries because of someone else's negligence do have a legal right to pursue compensation.

As this article highlights, unmeritorious claims do not succeed, as the legal system is such that claims are scrutinised thoroughly before a penny of compensation is awarded.

What is needed is education about how the system works, so that people understand their rights and responsibilities to themselves and others. People also need a better understanding about the world of difference between an accident, and an injury caused by negligence. Unavoidable accidents are part of life. Injuries which result from someone's neglect or carelessness are another matter.

Yours faithfully

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