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Re: Outrage as compo bill hits £27m (*Daily Express* 3 January 2011)

A person whose life has been shattered by an injury caused by the negligence of another is entitled to full and just compensation to help put his life back together. Headline figures of damages payments do not explain the suffering endured by injured people.

Government figures show that claims for personal injury have fallen in the main during the past ten years. The so-called "compensation culture" is a myth which has arisen from a lack of understanding that a claim can only be made for an injury caused by negligence, not an everyday accident.

The best way to cut the cost of litigation is to cut the negligence which causes needless injury in the first place. Accidents happen, but negligence is inexcusable.

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