



Re: One teacher a month dying from asbestos (*Sunday Express* 16 January 2011)

Sir,

Shocking statistics such as these illustrate why the Government needs to improve measures which prevent injury occurring at schools, not dumb them down, as recommended by Lord Young in the recent review of health and safety.

The statistics also show why a fund of last resort for workplace injuries must be introduced to help the thousands of people with asbestos-related diseases that are blocked from claiming damages because they cannot trace the insurer of the employer who exposed them to the killer dust.

While there is a system in place aimed at helping workers trace the information they need, figures show it leaves thousands unable to seek justice. Only the introduction of a workplace fund of last resort will allow these people the chance to get the justice to which they are entitled. Such as safety net is in place for motorists. Why should workers be treated differently?

Yours sincerely,

Denise Kitchener
Chief executive
Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)