



Re: Martin Tideswell – This nauseating compensation culture should shame all of us *The Sentinel* (Stoke-on-Trent) 22 February 2011

Sir,

It seems Martin Tideswell has fallen hard for the misconception that Britain is suffering at the hands of a so-called “compensation culture”.

Lord Young himself said in his review of health and safety that it is “more perception than reality”. The fact is Government figures show that, in the main, personal injury claims are lower now than they were 10 years ago.

Unfortunately there is a great lack of clarity and understanding about the personal injury system and the need for an injured person to find justice. For a start, accidents happen, but damages can only be claimed when someone has been injured through another’s negligence.

Ultimately, people injured through the negligent actions of others deserve help to put their lives back on track, and it is the responsibility of those who have caused the injuries to make themselves accountable.

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