



Re: Claims from injured staff cost council over £285,000 (*Dundee Evening Telegraph* 23 February 2011)

Workers who are injured through negligence, no matter who the employer is, have every right to fair redress to help them put their lives back on track.

The so-called "compensation culture" is nothing more than a myth. The fact is the number of employers' liability claims in the UK has plummeted by 64 per cent in the last 10 years.

Public understanding of the personal injury system and the difference between an accident and negligence is desperately lacking. The bottom line is that without clear evidence of negligence, no claim will succeed. It is impossible to successfully claim for any old mishap.

Hopefully Dundee City Council is doing all it can to ensure more employees do not suffer the misery of needless injury.

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