



Re: *Kids now hit by health 'n' safety* - North Wales Daily Post (19 April 2011)

It is a myth that innocent mishaps result in a school or council paying out compensation.

Lord Young of Graffham confirmed in his review of health and safety last year that the so-called "compensation culture" is "more perception than reality".

Accidents happen everyday, but damages are only available when negligence has taken place and can be proved. People injured through the negligent actions of others deserve help to put their lives back on track, but a grazed knee on a school playground does not have a price tag attached.

It is also worth noting that representatives of the insurance industry recently told the Government's Transport Select Committee that the increasing cost of motor insurance is part of a correction, following years of underselling premiums.

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