



**Re: Payouts for slides and trips – *Leicester Mercury* 12 June 2012**

If a local council, or its insurer, has reason to believe a personal injury claim is without foundation then of course it should defend itself.

Unfortunately there are a lot of myths circulating about the personal injury system. The onus is on the claimant to prove an injury was caused by negligence and only then can a claim be successful. Not every cut and bruise has a price tag attached.

But any attempt to defend a claim must be supported with clear evidence, and a genuinely injured person, who may already be vulnerable, should not be disparaged for pursuing fair redress to put his life back on track.

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