



Dundee Evening Telegraph

Re: Compensation claims cost council £1.8m (30 December 2013)

Both Government and independent investigations have found that the so-called 'compensation culture' is merely a perception. To say that such a culture is 'growing' is not only inaccurate, but could cause further damage.

A lack of understanding about how the law works generates myths and a lack of respect for injured people who are the unfortunate victims of negligence. Accidents happen every day and cannot result in compensation. But when a duty of care has been breached and negligence is proven, it is quite right that the sufferer should have the option to pursue redress and hold the person who caused the injury to account.

Rather than fixating on how much compensation claims have 'cost' taxpayers, the focus should be on ensuring those taxpayers, and others, are safe from harm.

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