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Lawyers welcome health and safety myth busting

A crackdown on health and safety jobsworths has been welcomed by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) as 'long overdue'.

“Ridiculous health and safety myths have been allowed to thrive for too long. Worse still these misunderstandings and misinterpretations of health and safety rules often go hand-in-hand with a completely unsupported fear of litigation,” said APIL chief executive Deborah Evans. Her comments follow an announcement by the Health and Safety Executive that it is to set up a panel to provide advice on whether regulations have been misused.

“I sincerely hope that this new panel will help to generate a clearer public understanding of health and safety rules will also help to generate a more serious debate about our litigation system so that people understand that they cannot sue – or be sued – for any old mishap,” she went on.

“Good health and safety helps people to get on with their lives and provides sensible protection against needless injury.

“It’s only when regulations are flouted and people are injured through negligence that the law may need to become involved”.

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- APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) is a not-for-profit organisation whose members are dedicated to campaigning for improvements in the law to help people who are injured or become ill through no fault of their own.
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