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Sir,

Re: *Bid to end compensation culture* (Yorkshire Post)

There is no such thing as a "compensation culture" in the UK. The amount of personal injury claims made during the past ten years has fallen in most categories.

We are delighted that Lord Young, in his review of health and safety, recognises the so-called 'compensation culture' is a perception and not reality. But it is disappointing that he and David Cameron are looking to make sweeping changes to the law because of a myth.

Health and safety legislation is there to protect people from unnecessary harm. In order to combat the myth, the public needs to be made more aware of health and safety laws.

What is needed is education so people understand that they cannot be sued for any old accident, but that everyone has a responsibility to avoid the negligence which leads to needless injury which can shatter people's lives.

Yours faithfully  
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