

Bouncy Castle Not Cause Of Injury

When Hayley Black aged eight complained of back pain her mum took her to see a doctor on several occasions.

Mrs Black said: "We thought she had hurt herself on a bouncy castle when she said her back was hurting. It got worse over the course of a month and we took her to the doctors several times. Eventually she was referred to hospital for a range of tests."

Hayley was diagnosed with leukaemia, a cancer of the blood, and scans also showed she had fractured a bone in each leg.

She was in a plaster cast from the waist down for six weeks, and is now having chemotherapy, which will last for two years.

"She's an absolute star," Mrs Black said of her daughter. "She's made it so easy for me and her dad because she doesn't complain, she just gets on with it."

This is a tragic story but what caught our eye was the fact that the initial diagnosis was that the youngster had hurt her self on a bouncy castle.

It just goes to show that it can be easy to blame bouncy castles and other play equipment for injuries. It is a well known fact that many spurious insurance claims have been made in the past.

As this case shows it is extremely important that assumptions should not be made that bouncy castles are the suspected cause of injuries. Of course accidents happen from time to time mainly due to the sheer volume of usage. Bouncy Castles and other play equipment are not as dangerous as some would have us believe providing they are operated correctly. In the majority of reported accidents the accident can be attributed to either poor or lack of supervision. One only has to look at some of the videos posted on web sites like 'You Tube' to see the idiotic uses some bouncy castles are put to.

One has to be disappointed that, in this instance, the youngster suffered for an additional month before a correct diagnosis was made.

Our thoughts are with Hayley and her family as they fight this terrible disease.

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