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Subject: Something Bad Happen? No worry! Just sue a company!

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Don't get me wrong, this story is sad. A little league pitcher was struck by a line-drive and is now severely disabled with brain damage.

However, his parents are suing the makers of the aluminum baseball bat. It... it's absolutely absurd. There are clear dangers in a sport where a ball is being hit at high speeds when there is no real protection on the players.

I understand the concern on the safety of the sport. It's just asinine to start blaming companies for producing a product that is only indirectly responsible for the injury. I played baseball for 3 years, and I never was injured or knew of anybody with any serious injury. The fact that an accident happens is not the fault of the manufacturer. It's not even the fault of the players, in this case. It's just an example of a horrible accident.

Even if switching to wooden bats from aluminum would help, it still doesn't change the fact that the people involved in the sale and production of the equipment should not be blamed for an accident. Accidents like this should raise concern and cause public discussions and progress towards safer (yet efficient) equipment. It's easy enough to talk to the directors of the leagues and get these things changed. Bringing in the court system because you're wanting damages for an ACCIDENT (with, again, no real person/entity to blame).

Unfortunately, this isn't just an isolated case in people blaming companies for accidents caused by an unfortunate situation or the ignorance and carelessness by the consumer. Most dangers in products are logical consequences. A baseball being hit at high speeds will cause injury if it hits someone. A hot cup of coffee will burn someone if spilled onto clothing or skin. It's time that people, especially moronic fellow-Americans, take up the concept of personal responsibility. Accept the natural consequences of these situations and move on. I don't mean to trivialize these tragic accidents, but it's just a part of life. Unless there was faulty equipment caused by an oversight by a corporation, the corporations should not be held accountable.

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