

# Tort Law Introduction

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# **A NO PREP LESSON!**

## **TORT LAW**

- ✔ Students **DISCOVER** the Different Types of Tort Law.
- ✔ Students **EXPLORE** the Elements of Tort Law.
- ✔ Students **INVESTIGATE** A Court Case of their Choosing.
- ✔ Students are **PROMPTED** to THINK, ANALYZE, ASSESS, and EVALUATE Various Civil and Criminal Negligence Cases.



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# Engage, Explore, Analyze, Evaluate!

## Prompts Critical Thinking!

**\*Tort Law\***

Tort lawsuits are the biggest category of civil litigation, and can encompass a wide range of personal injury cases.

A tort is a wrongful act resulting in injury or damages, for which the civil law provides that the injured person (or the person suffering damages) may seek recovery from the person who caused the injury.

Search the web to find out the 3 different types of tort law.


Search the web to find the 4 elements of a tort.


**BREAKING IT DOWN...**

**Intentional Tort**

What is an intentional Tort? (In your own words)	
Give 5 examples of intentional torts	

**Civil Negligence Analysis**

When a person is negligent or careless in a way that causes harm to someone else, the victim of the negligence can sue. This is called civil liability or civil negligence.

Civil Negligence Case	How was there negligence? What should have been done?
A company that releases a dangerous drug without fully testing the medication and identifying all of the side effects can be considered negligent.	
A restaurant owner who mops the slippery floor and doesn't put up a "Wet Floor" sign could be considered negligent.	
An employer who fails to follow OSHA guidelines and other workplace safety rules can be considered negligent (although not necessarily subject to a lawsuit because of workers' compensation rules).	
A store that knows things get really out-of-control on Black Friday and who hosts a big sales event, encouraging a mob scene with no security, could be considered negligent.	
Properly owned and maintained swimming pools should have proper fencing and gates to prevent children from accessing the pool. If a child drowns in a pool that is not properly fenced, the pool owner could be considered negligent.	

Explore the web to find a tort case. Summarize the case in the space below. Who were the parties? What tort was allegedly committed? What was the outcome?

**Negligence Tort**

What is an negligence Tort? (In your own words)	
Give 3 examples of negligence torts	

**Strict Liability**

What is strict liability? (In your own words)	
Give 3 categories of strict liability	

**Criminal Negligence Analysis**

When a person breaks a legal duty, falls short of fulfilling an obligation, it is considered negligence. In some cases, a person is considered criminally negligent.

Criminal Negligence Case	How was there negligence? What should have been done?
A parent who leaves a two-year-old child alone in the house in order to go out to a bar and have a good time could face charges for criminal negligence.	
A person who drives 40 miles over the speed limit in a really dangerous way and who causes a car accident and injures someone could be charged with criminal negligence.	
A person who breaks texting-and-driving laws and who is typing a text message when he or she gets into a car accident and kills someone could be considered criminally negligent.	
A nurse in a nursing home who forgets to feed a patient who needs help to eat, causing the patient to starve to death, could be considered criminally negligent.	
A caregiver in a hospital who isn't paying attention and who gives someone a deadly dose of a medication could be considered criminally negligent.	
A doctor who prescribes addictive drugs to a known drug addict because the doctor gets paid for his or her services could be considered criminally negligent.	

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# Teacher Testimonials



This was a **great introduction** to the topic of torts. Students take charge of their own learning and learn from each other.



I used this as an introductory piece for my Tort Unit in my Business Law course, and it proved to be **highly effective** in setting the stage for the topics covered in the unit. Thank you for sharing.



**Denise was great to work with!** This gave me a **great resource** to go along with my tort lesson.



My students didn't have a clear handle on the three different Tort Laws. This **really helped** breaking each one down to fully understand the difference.

**Hi! My name is Denise Leigh. I have been teaching Business Education for over 25 years! I love collaborating with business educators all over the world. I am a 2022 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist and relentless lifetime learner and lover of everything education. Engaging students and connecting them to their world is my jam! Thank you for exploring my resources and sharing my passion for BUSINESS EDUCATION!**

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