

# Introduction to Intentional Torts

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#### **Intentional Torts**

**Against the Person** 

- Battery
- Assault
- False Imprisonment
- Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

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**Against Property** 

- Trespass to Land
- Trespass to Chattels
- Conversion

## **Defenses to Intentional Torts**

(Affirmative Defenses)

- Consent
- Privilege of self-defense
- Privilege of defense of others
- Private necessity
- Public necessity

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## **Damages**

Not necessary for prima facie case. But often practically required before it makes economic sense to bring an action.

In some ways, on a very broad theoretical level, you can perceive a tradeoff between requirements of intent and damages.

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# Intent, generally

Generally means acting with purpose or substantial certainty as to result.

Example: shooting the jukebox

Object of intent (the result or consequence) varies among the intentional torts.

Doctrine of transferred intent expands intent.

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## Transferred Intent

## Can transfer from person to person

From any natural person to any natural person

#### Can transfer from tort to tort

Under most traditional view, among any of:

- Battery
- Assault
- False imprisonment
- Trespass to land
- Trespass to chattels

For many courts, only among:

- Battery
- Assault