



Some Discussion Examples for Intentional Torts

Torts
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Is this extreme/outrageous?

- Employer intends to humiliate full-time employee over 12 months by teasing employee about physical characteristics, childhood embarrassments, etc.
- Co-worker intends to humiliate fellow full-time employee over 12 months by teasing employee about physical characteristics, childhood embarrassments, etc.
- Teacher humiliates student by announcing in class, "You're an F!" while handing back a test, even though the student did well.
- Teacher humiliates student by announcing in class, "You're an F!" while handing back a test, and in fact the student failed.
- Revered basketball star humiliates his adult and child fans who can't do five pushups, saying if they aren't physically fit, they shouldn't even watch basketball.

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- Revered baseball star sends out a humiliating tweet about a fan with diagnosed depression who leaned out to catch a foul ball, depriving his team of an out.
- What if the tweet gets re-tweeted thousands of times?

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Student-made examples:

- Novelist turns person who almost hit him with car into fictional pedophile who appears in several best selling books.
- Husband repeatedly cheats on wife, and wife has never worked before and is not very employable.
- Giving play-by-play texting information about the destruction of a pick-up truck, the owner of which had a sentimental attachment because it was his deceased grandfather's truck.
- Woman, who is engaging in ongoing affair with married man in his home, repeatedly leaves dirty diapers in the laundry to be found by the man's wife whose infertility problems have left her incapable of having a child.

Is this trespass to land?

Student-made examples:

- New homeowner is getting old owner's newspapers via a 8-year-old paperboy. They flag down the paperboy and tells him to pick up the accumulated papers and stop throwing them at the porch. He does neither.
- Kid leaves lit candle on the lawn of his neighbor's house as in memoriam to his neighbor's wife's death. The candle ends up getting knocked over and it starts a fire.
- Visitors on a factory tour wander away from the path they were told to follow, stumble over some cords negligently left in a pathway, and end up breaking a multi-million-dollar machine.

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Student-made examples:

- Graffiti artist (e.g., Banksy) leaves graffiti that turns out to be very valuable.
- Kids, standing on a public sidewalk, playing catch over corner of the neighbor's yard, when the neighbor has previously told them not to. An errantly thrown ball hits a piece of unsecured statuary on the lawn, knocking it over and causing it to break, doing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.