



Introduction to Intentional Torts

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Intentional Torts

Against the Person

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

Intentional Torts

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**

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.

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.

Transferred Intent

Can transfer from person to person

From any natural person to any natural person

- *But this does not work for IIED.*

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