



# 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**
- **Arrest** (← probably not covering this at all)

# 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