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Introduction

The law of tort is one of the main, or core, subjects taught on law courses and it involves, as does criminal law, a two-stage process: the imposition of liability and the availability or otherwise of a defence.

Tort covers a very wide range of issues that are relevant to aspects of everyday life, such as employment and the working environment generally, disputes between neighbours, injuries sustained whilst on another's premises and libel and slander.

This book will be particularly useful to students of law, as it is concise and covers topics central to law examinations. It will also be useful to all those who wish to gain a general overview of the law and tort, of negligence generally.

Tort is a vast area and this brief introduction is aimed at those who wish to obtain a general insight before embarking on the main textbooks covering the area. This book introduces the reader to the concept of negligence, causation and remoteness of damage, contributory negligence, liability of employers, vicarious liability, occupiers liability, dangerous products, nuisance, defamation, strict liability and liability for animals. Overall, the reader will get a comprehensive overview of the law of tort and a firm grasp of the main principles.