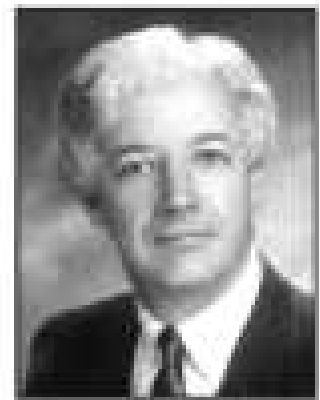




Your Legal Rights



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A BIG ASSUMPTION

If those accused of causing injury to others by virtue of their own negligence can establish that the injured parties assumed the risk for their injuries, an assumption of risk defense may be established that negates the wrongdoers' negligence. In order that an assumption of risk may be put forward properly, it is necessary to prove that the injured party knew and understood the danger involved. Then, it must be proven that the injured party voluntarily exposed him or herself to the danger that caused the injury. Once the assumption of risk is established, the injured party may not recover damages, even if the risk was

negligently created by the wrongdoer.

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HINT: An assumption of risk defense relates to the willingness of the injured party to engage in the contract that resulted in his or her own injury.

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