



Your Legal Rights



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A WIDER VIEW OF NEGLIGENCE

Because not all accidental injuries involving negligence occur in the victim's home state, it pays to have an overall view of the law as it applies in different states. Take the example of people who are partially responsible for being injured as a result of someone else's negligence. In those states where the courts are guided by the rule of contributory negligence, the victims would have no claim for negligence damages if there were any negligence on their parts (no matter how small). In other states, where the rule of comparative negligence is applied, victims can recover damages reduced in proportion to the amount of negligence for which they are responsible. In some of the states,

recovery of damages is only possible if the victims are less than 50 percent responsible.

This column is brought to you as a public service. If you are unsure of your rights within our legal system, a legal advisor can help you determine them, and which options might be right for you to pursue. For an experienced trial attorney with a practice focused on personal injury law, call our office to set up a free initial consultation. Personal injury cases are our specialty and for your convenience, we offer hospital and in-home visits.

HINT: If accidents occur while traveling for business or vacationing in other states, do not make assumption based on the law in your home state.

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