

TEACHER ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE THAT LEAD TO LIABILITY

Negligence is the failure to act as a reasonably prudent and careful person would under the circumstances involved. The presence or absence of care demonstrated by a teacher is usually a question for a jury. Following are acts of negligence that might involve a teacher in a liability suit.

- ✓1. Leaving the shop or classroom during class period.
- ✓2. Sending students on teacher errands.
- ✓3. Allowing students to leave the school ground without permission from administrative heads.
4. Permitting the use of faulty machines, tools, equipment, and facilities.
- ✓5. Permitting the use of machines and equipment without safety guards.
- ✓6. Allowing other students and minors to pass through or take part in shop or classroom activities.
7. Allowing students to wear unsafe clothing and accessories while using machines and equipment.
- ✓8. Allowing poor housekeeping practices which result in conditions hazardous to safety and health.
- ✓9. Requiring all students to use power equipment.
- ✓10. Leaving the shop with unqualified teachers or students in charge.
11. Permitting students to operate machinery or equipment without proper instructions on performance and safety.
12. Failing to show evidence of teaching safety (lesson plans, tests, rules, and student permits should be on hand).
- ✓13. Permitting students to do work outside of the shop without supervision of qualified people.
14. Allowing after-hour work sessions, especially unsupervised (Laws are the same as they are for class sessions).
- ✓15. Failing to complete accident reports, regardless of how minor.
- ✓16. Failing to get written statements from witnesses of accidents.
17. Failing to teach and exercise safety rules and practices at all times.
18. Failing to recognize and practice the additional safety and precautions demanded by law for minors.
19. Allowing mentally or physically unfit students to operate power equipment and work in hazardous areas.