

Lesson 2: Civil Liability

Introduction

Civil liability is a fundamental concept in private law. This lesson focuses on how civil liability is expressed and explained in legal English.

Civil Liability المسؤولية المدنية

Civil liability is legal obligation imposed on a person or entity to compensate for damage resulting from fault or breach of contract, without criminal penalties such as imprisonment.

Types of Civil Liability:

- ✓ Tortious: arising from unintentional harm or negligence
- ✓ Contractual: from breaching contractual obligations

Elements of Civil Liability

Civil liability generally requires three elements:

- **Fault:** a wrongful act or negligence. الخطأ
- **Damage:** harm suffered by another person. الضرر الفعلي
- **Causation:** a direct link between fault and damage. السببية

Example:

Civil liability arises when damage is caused by fault and is directly linked to it.

Types of Damage

- Material damage (financial loss)
- Moral damage (non-material harm)

Example:

The victim suffered material damage as a result of the defendant's negligence.

Application Example

A driver caused an accident due to careless driving.

- Fault: negligence
- Damage: injury and material loss
- Liability: the driver is civilly liable

Practice

- Write one sentence explaining civil liability in your own words.