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Comparative Fault in Texas

What It Means for Your Car Accident Case

**60%
at fault**

**40%
at fault**



After a car accident in Texas, many people are unsure if they can still seek compensation if they were partially at fault. The answer is yes, thanks to Texas's modified comparative fault rule.

Under this rule, you can still recover damages as long as you are not more than 50% at fault for the accident. However, your total compensation will be reduced by your percentage of fault. For example, if you're awarded \$20,000 in damages but found 30% at fault, your payout would be reduced to \$14,000.

This legal principle makes it crucial not to admit fault at the scene of an accident, as doing so could impact your case. It's better to let law enforcement and insurance investigators determine liability based on evidence.

Insurance companies often use comparative fault to minimize their payouts. They may argue that you're more responsible than you actually are, reducing the amount they owe you. Having an experienced legal team on your side can help ensure a fair outcome.

If you were injured in a crash and believe you may share some responsibility, don't assume you're ineligible for compensation. Every case is unique, and the law is designed to protect your right to recover, even in shared-fault scenarios.



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Back-to-School Safety Tips

As the new school year begins, Texas roads become busier with students walking, biking, and riding buses. With thousands of children commuting daily, it's essential that all drivers stay alert and follow safety laws to help prevent accidents.



SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

School zones in Texas typically have speed limits of 20 mph during posted hours. Fines for speeding in these areas can exceed \$500. It's also illegal to use handheld devices in active school zones.

WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

Kids may cross unexpectedly or be distracted. Drivers must yield at crosswalks, give cyclists at least three feet of space, and avoid blocking bike lanes.

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

When a school bus extends its stop sign and flashes red lights, all traffic must stop unless there's a median. Failing to stop can lead to fines up to \$1,250, and cause serious harm.

EXPECT EXTRA TRAFFIC

Plan ahead for delays around schools. Use designated drop-off areas, and don't double park or block crosswalks. A little extra time can prevent accidents.

PRACTICE PARKING LOT SAFETY

School lots are crowded and chaotic. Drive slowly, watch for children, and use mirrors and backup cameras carefully. Always yield to crossing guards and staff.

TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SAFETY

Teach children to use crosswalks, stay alert, and wear bright clothing. If they walk or bike, review safe routes with them. Remind teen drivers to follow all traffic rules.

Every driver plays a role in keeping students safe. Herrman and Herrman is committed to helping Texans build safer communities. If you or a loved one is injured due to negligence in a school zone, contact our team today.



READ OUR OTHER BLOGS OR VISIT THE ACTIVITY ZONE FOR FUN PUZZLES!



Hurricane Safety and Preparedness Tips for Texans

August marks the peak of hurricane season in Texas, and preparation can make all the difference. Whether you're along the coast or inland, knowing how to prepare can protect your property, your loved ones, and your peace of mind.



1. MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Start by creating a plan that includes evacuation routes, a communication plan with family, and local shelter information. Know the nearest hurricane evacuation routes and make a list of essentials to grab if you need to leave quickly. Consider creating a checklist and practicing your plan with your household. Ensure everyone knows where the emergency kit is stored and how to access important documents quickly.

2. BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

A basic kit should include non-perishable food, water for at least 3 days (1 gallon per person per day), flashlights, batteries, a first-aid kit, medications, important documents, phone chargers, and hygiene products. Don't forget supplies for pets, including food, leashes, and carriers. If possible, include cash, since ATMs and credit card systems may not work after a storm. Also, consider including items for mental comfort such as books, games, or small toys for children to help ease stress during evacuations.

3. PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

Trim trees, clear gutters, and secure outdoor furniture. If a storm is approaching, board up windows or install storm shutters, and move valuables to higher ground. Store important documents in waterproof containers. Consider flood insurance, as standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding. Take an inventory of your belongings using photos or a digital app to assist with future claims. Check your roof and windows annually for maintenance issues that could worsen in severe weather.

4. STAY INFORMED

Monitor trusted sources like the National Hurricane Center, NOAA Weather Radio, or local emergency management offices. Sign up for emergency alerts and pay attention to evacuation orders and weather updates. Don't wait until the last minute—leave early if evacuation orders are issued to avoid traffic and ensure safety. Consider downloading mobile apps that track storms and provide real-time alerts.

5. AFTER THE STORM

Use caution returning home. Avoid flooded roads and downed power lines. Check your home for structural damage before entering and avoid using wet electrical appliances. Document any damage with photos for insurance claims, and keep all repair receipts. If you experience power outages, use generators safely and only outdoors to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Be cautious of mold growth in wet areas and contact professionals for cleanup if needed.

STAY SAFE, TEXANS

At Herrman and Herrman, we care about the safety and well-being of our community. Hurricane season can be unpredictable, but with preparation, we can weather the storm together. Taking time to prepare now can save lives, reduce property damage, and help communities recover faster. If you or someone you know suffers property damage or personal injury during a storm due to negligence or unsafe conditions, our team is here to help.

TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE AND CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH OUR ACTIVITY ZONE, FEATURING A CROSSWORD, WORD SEARCH, AND SUDOKU!



Activity Zone

Word search, Crossword puzzle, & Sudoku

H	F	D	A	W	A	Y	I	S	C	H	O	O	L	T	H
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A	Z	C	O	M	P	A	R	A	T	I	V	E	V	T	W
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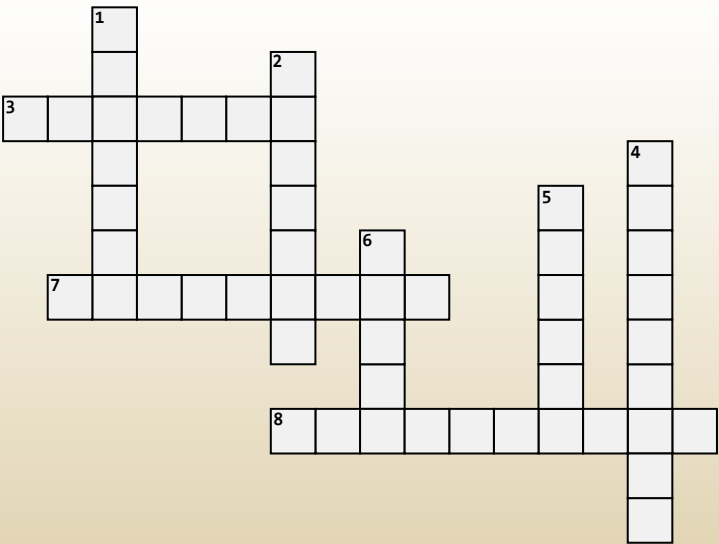
Find the following words in the puzzle!
Words are hidden → ↓ ↘ & ↗.

Heat	Hurricane	Fault
School	Comparative	Impact
Class	Emergency	Storm
Bus	Evacuation	Coast
Safety	Plan	Radio

	4	2	7	6	9	3		5
	1		8	4	2	9		6
9			3	5	1		8	
			6	8		4	2	
2	7	3	1	9		5	6	
6	8	4				1		3
7		1		3			4	9
	9	6					3	1
	3		9	1	6			

Sudoku Rules

Use numbers 1-9 to fill rows, columns, and boxes without repeating any numbers.



Down

- The state of the atmosphere at a place and time.
- Vehicles moving on a road.
- A marked part of a road where pedestrians have right of way to cross.
- The warmest season of the year.
- An overflowing of a large amount of water

Across

- A person who teaches
- A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief.
- A person walking along a road or in a developed area.

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