

New and Updated Instructions in this 2025 edition of the North Carolina Pattern Jury Instructions for Motor Vehicle Negligence Cases

This edition contains a new table of contents for the civil instructions, a number of replacement instructions for civil cases, and a new civil index. To update your printed edition, print and place the instructions listed below in the proper numerical sequence to your previous edition. Old instructions with the same number should be discarded.

Interim instructions. As the Pattern Jury Instructions Committee considers new or updated instructions, it posts Interim Instructions that are too important to wait until June to distribute as part of the annual hard copy supplements to the School of Government website at sog.unc.edu/programs/ncpji. You may check the site periodically for these instructions or join the Pattern Jury Interim Instructions Listserv to receive notification when instructions are posted to the website.

The members and staff of the present Civil Subcommittee wish to express their deepest appreciation to all those who have assisted in the continuing effort to maintain and improve these instructions. We hope it is and will continue to be a valuable service to the bench, the bar, and the people of North Carolina.

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The Committee welcomes all suggestions and observations for the improvement of these instructions. Please direct any messages to PJICommittee@nccourts.org.

NEW AND UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions with asterisk (*) are new instructions. All others replace existing instructions.

This 2025 edition contains the following new instructions identified with an asterisk (*), and revised instructions:

.01 Introduction.

102.84 Negligence—Infliction of Severe Emotional Distress.