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Preface

Torts make headline news. From mass disasters like Hillsborough and King's Cross to scandal-mongering in the popular press, torts are seldom far from the front pages. Yet, despite its human interest, the law of torts is notoriously difficult for students

We aim in this book to provide an accessible introduction to the law of torts. We cover the basic principles of the law and examine them in context of those torts which most commonly feature in degree courses. In doing so, we direct the reader towards the complexities of the subject and its relationship with society.

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