

Duty of Care

Law

When the law recognises a duty between two parties.

Established and restricted duties.

Readily established

Road user to other road users

Employer to employee

Occupier to lawful visitors

Doctor to patient

Manufacturer to consumer

Restricted

Pure economic loss, generally no duty

Psychiatric injury, controlled by rules

Omissions, absent a special relationship

Public bodies exercising discretion

Educational reference. The limits on economic loss and omissions exist to prevent liability without a workable boundary.