

# Strict Liability

Law

Offences requiring no proof of a guilty mind.

*Where and why they are used.*

## Typical areas

**Food and product safety**

**Environmental discharge**

**Road traffic offences**

**Licensing and trading standards**

**Health and safety at work**

## Justifications and objections

**Raises standards without proving fault**

**Simplifies enforcement at scale**

**Objection: punishing the blameless**

**Often mitigated by a due diligence defence**

**Educational reference. Courts generally presume a mental element is required unless the statute clearly displaces it.**