

In many personal injury cases, more than one party may be at fault. In some cases, the victim is also partially at fault. California uses a pure comparative negligence system to handle these matters. Under this framework, an accident victim's amount of compensation is reduced by an amount equal to his or her percentage of fault for the accident. For example, if a person suffered \$100,000 in damages and is found to be 20 percent at fault, he or she can only recover up to \$80,000. If the accident victim was more at fault for the accident, he or she cannot bring a claim.