**03.14 GROSS NEGLIGENCE DEFINED**

I will now define gross negligence for you.

First you must understand what ordinary negligence means. Negligence is the failure to use reasonable care, which is the amount of care a reasonably careful person would use in the same situation. Gross negligence is an extreme departure from this standard. Gross negligence means more than ordinary inadvertence or inattention, but less than conscious indifference to consequences.

Directions for Use

This instruction should be used with Instruction 03.13 (Heightened Liability Standard for Members of Boards and Commissions).

Comment

This instruction is based on *Storrs v. Lutheran Hospital & Homes Society, Inc.*, 661 P.2d 632, 634 n.1 (Alaska 1983).