

1770 PERSONAL INJURIES: SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

[To be added to Wis JI-Civil where appropriate.]

(Plaintiff) claims that (he) (she) suffered severe emotional distress (in addition to the physical injuries (he) (she) sustained) as a result of the (accident) (incident) in question.

If you are satisfied that (plaintiff) suffered severe emotional distress and that the (accident) (incident) was a substantial factor in producing it, you should include in your award a fair and reasonable allowance for the severe emotional distress. If you are not satisfied, make no allowance for the severe emotional distress and confine your award to fair and reasonable compensation only for any other damages (resulting from personal injuries) to (plaintiff) which were caused by the (accident) (incident).

COMMENT

This instruction and comment were originally published in 1969 (as JI-Civil 1752).

This instruction can also be used in conjunction with Wis JI-Civil 1510, Wis JI-Civil 1511, and Wis JI-Civil 2725.