

What is the Eggshell skull rule?

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About Eggshell skull rule:

- It is a common law principle **applied in civil litigation**.
- It states that all **victims should be fully compensated** for their losses, even in situations where the victim was more-susceptible to injury due to a **predisposing condition or preexisting injury**.
- This rule ensures that a **defendant** (the person being sued) cannot escape liability for exacerbating a pre-existing condition due to their negligence.
- The eggshell skull doctrine is named after a hypothetical situation where a person with a fragile skull, akin to an eggshell, suffers a head injury.
 - If the victim's skull fractures more easily than the average person, the defendant is still fully liable for all resulting damages, despite the victim's unusual vulnerability.

- Despite its name, the eggshell skull rule applies to all types of injuries, including physical, emotional, and psychological harm.
 - The rule is applied for **claiming an enhanced compensation** — for damage that is more than what could have been ordinarily anticipated to be caused by the defendant.
 - The eggshell skull rule has consequently also been referred to as the '**thin skull rule**' in many of the cases
 - **Origin:** The origins of the eggshell skull rule are most often traced back to an 1891 **Vosburg v. Putney** case in Wisconsin, US.
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Q1: What is Civil litigation?

Civil litigation is a term that applies to any legal dispute where two or more parties are seeking monetary damages or a specific performance and does not include criminal accusations.

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