

**QUESTION 1 – Torts  
(One hour)**

Skip was in the market for a new car. He was wandering around the lot of a Volvo dealership when he spotted a red 2018 SUV. The SUV was rotating on a large wheel two feet off the ground. A sign was stuck to the SUV's windshield reading: "Must See! All new interior look for this 2018!" Skip, missing the small sign under the lip of the wheel warning people to stay clear, hopped on the wheel to look inside the SUV. He was mesmerized by the butter-tan leather seats and the walnut-covered dashboard. As he reached to open the car door for a closer look, he lost his balance and fell to the ground, landing on and flattening a 25-yr-old rose bush which had been planted to mark the day the dealership opened. Skip had a sore wrist and rose thorns stuck in his back but was otherwise able to get up.

Bob, one of the Volvo salespeople, saw Skip land on the rose bush. He immediately got on the loudspeaker and yelled at Skip that he was in big trouble and to stay put because the security team was on its way. Skip, embarrassed and humiliated, had no intention of sticking around. He took off at a brisk jog towards the neighboring Audi dealership where a crowded sales event was taking place. Skip, trying to get away while blending into the crowd, jabbed his elbow into Edith as he pushed his way by. Edith yelped in pain and her son Victor grabbed Skip by the shirt and demanded an apology. Skip tore free of Victor's grip and ran into the Audi service department. Frantic, he rushed through a door labeled "employees only." Skip found himself in a hallway that lead through to another door. Skip pushed through the door and ended up on the sales floor. Customers were milling around and Skip tried again to blend in. He was unsuccessful. As he approached one of the display cars he tripped on the 2 inch thick rubber mat that had been placed under the car to keep black marks off the floor. Skip lost his balance and started to pitch forward. Simultaneously, before he could recover his balance, the display car door opened when a customer who had been listening to the sound system got out. The door smacked into Skip's head sending him unconscious to the floor.

Al, one of the salespeople, rushed over to help. He gently slapped Skip a few times to try and bring him round. The second slap did it and Skip regained consciousness with a start. He yelled at Al to get the hell away from him as he struggled to get up. Al nevertheless went to help Skip up, but Skip shoved Al's approaching hands away as he rushed to exit the dealership.

Skip was diagnosed with a sprained wrist and severe concussion by his doctor the next day.

Discuss the applicable doctrines of tort law (those you learned up to the midterm) which are presented in the above situation.