

13-1210. Family purpose doctrine.

If you find that the motor vehicle operated by _____ (*driver*) [was made available by _____ (*head of household*) to _____ (*driver*) for any purpose on this occasion] [or] [was furnished by _____ (*head of household*) to family members of the household, including _____ (*driver*), for general use] [and that _____ (*driver*) was a family member of _____ (*head of household*) household], then _____ (*head of household*) is liable for damages proximately caused by negligent operation of the vehicle by _____ (*driver*).

USE NOTES

The parties should fill in the blanks to personalize this instruction as much as possible. The appropriate brackets should be used where supported by the evidence. Either the first or second bracketed material, or both, may be used where appropriate. Each forms an independent basis for application of the family purpose doctrine and it may not be necessary to use both brackets in every case. The last bracket should be used in any case where the driver's status as a member of the household is a jury issue. [As amended, effective January 1, 1987; November 1, 1991.]