

1.12 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDARD CHARGE
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INTRODUCTION

[The following language covers issues of general law applicable to virtually all civil cases.¹ The issues must be explained to the jury so that the jurors will understand the process and their role in the process.

There is no "magic language" that the Court must employ in explaining these issues to the jury. The following is not required language that Courts must use. The judge should employ his or her own style and explain the necessary concepts to the jury in a clear and understandable way. The following is suggested by the Committee as an appropriate means to explain these rules and concepts to the jury.

The material in parentheses is optional language that some judges customarily give. It is recommended that the language not in parentheses be covered in the charge in some manner. Judges should feel free to adjust the order of the sections.]

¹ Exceptions to this general charge are Model Civil Charges 1.12G and 1.12H. These sections should not be universally given in all causes of action, *e.g.*, condemnation, employment discrimination, defamation, etc.