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*noun*

Law

noun: **tort**; plural noun: **torts**

1. a wrongful act or an infringement of a right (other than under contract) leading to civil legal liability.

Middle English (in the general sense ‘wrong, injury’): from Old French, from medieval Latin *tortum* ‘wrong, injustice,’ neuter past participle of Latin *torquere* ‘to twist.’