

HW02-Argument

Facts: It was a Monday afternoon around 14:00 in the USC Student Union during the first day of the spring semester. David was in the men's bathroom washing his hands. David's class started at 14:00 and was in a classroom several buildings away. He used three paper towels to wipe his hands and left the paper towels on the bathroom floor. He then left the restroom. David pushed the open the door to the men's bathroom just as Paul grabbed the door handle from the other side. Paul had an upset stomach from eating improperly cooked pizza. The edge of the door cracked Paul in the forehead and the injury required 20 stitches.

1. Use the above factors to argue that: David is likely at fault.

- David's class starts at 14:00, but he was still several buildings away as the time approached, which could very likely cause him to be late, leading to subsequent events that happened because he was in a rush.
- David used too many paper towels, which is wasteful.
- David left the paper towels on the floor, which is inappropriate and unsanitary behavior, and this could potentially create a hazard.
- David opened the door without checking for information, directly causing Paul's injury.

2. Use the same factors in (a) to argue that: Paul is likely at fault.

- Paul was in a rush to use the restroom because he had an upset stomach from eating improperly cooked food, which led to subsequent events.
- Paul also did not check for information before grabbing the door, which resulted in his own injury.