

**11.05**  
**Definition Of Battery**

A person commits the offense of battery when he [ (intentionally) (knowingly) ] [without legal justification] and by any means [ (causes bodily harm to) (makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with) ] another person.

**Committee Note**

720 ILCS 5/12-3 (West, 1999) (formerly Ill.Rev.Stat. ch. 38, §12-3 (1991)).

Give Instruction 11.06.

Use the mental state that conforms to the allegations in the charge. *See People v. Grant*, 101 Ill.App.3d 43, 427 N.E.2d 810, 56 Ill.Dec. 478 (1st Dist.1981).

Use the phrase “without legal justification” whenever an instruction is to be given on an affirmative defense contained in Article 7 of Chapter 38. *See People v. Worsham*, 26 Ill.App.3d 767, 326 N.E.2d 134 (1st Dist.1975).

Use applicable bracketed material.