

**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 2023).

Give Instruction 11.06.

When applicable, give Instruction 11.05A defining “insulting or provoking contact”.

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 (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.