

# Download Causation And Responsibility

The concept of causation is fundamental to ascribing moral and legal responsibility for events. Yet the relationship between causation and responsibility remains unclear. The basic questions dealt with in this entry are: (i) whether and to what extent causation in legal contexts differs from causation outside the law, for example in science or everyday life, and (ii) what are the appropriate criteria in law for deciding whether one action or event has caused another, (generally harmful) event. The concept of causality is not only of interest in the natural sciences, but also plays a central role in the attribution of responsibility in law and ethics. Due to its scope and depth, Moore's *Causation and Responsibility* is probably the most important publication in the philosophy of law since the publication of Hart's and Honore's *Causation in the Law* in 1959.