**03.08 MULTIPLE CAUSES**

Several factors may operate at the same time, either independently or together, to cause harm. In such a case, each may be a substantial factor in causing the harm. A person’s negligence may be a substantial factor in causing the harm even though another condition, event, or the conduct of another person was also a substantial factor in causing the harm.

Directions for Use

This instruction should be given when there is evidence that more than one factor operated to cause the harm.

Comment

This instruction is based on *Yukon Equipment, Inc. v. Gordon*, 660 P.2d 428, 432-33 (Alaska 1983), *overruled on other grounds by* *Williford v. L.J. Carr Investments, Inc.*, 783 P.2d 235, 237 n.5 (Alaska 1989), and *Vincent v. Fairbanks Memorial Hospital*, 862 P.2d 847, 851 (Alaska 1993).