This chapter considers the liability in negligence of public authorities. It commences by examining typical features of public authorities, including their statutory and public dimensions. It then considers the tests that courts have used to determine whether they can accept jurisdiction to hear a case involving a public authority. Finally, the chapter turns to the application of the three-stage test for duty in cases of public authorities, paying special attention to policy reasons for excluding duties of care.

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