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The Four Levels of Culpability

**Intentionally** (*purposely*) - done with conscious intent and awareness of the consequences. It is deliberate and premeditated.

You want this to happen; you make plans so that it will happen

**Knowingly** - with awareness; consciously; with understanding of the circumstances and implications of the act.

You are pretty certain that this will happen

**Recklessly** – 1) Without regard to the consequences of one's actions; careless; indifferent
2) Careless inattention to the safety of others or the consequences while conscious of the risk but without intent to cause harm

**Negligently**- 1) Carelessness or disregard for the safety of others
2) Negligence done with complete disregard to the risks and conscious indifference to the consequences