

## Guide to Using Dart Western Decisions for Personal Injury

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### Scope

- Western Decisions contains cumulative databases for both civil and criminal decisions from British Columbia (1979- ), Alberta (1980- ), Saskatchewan (1980- ), and Manitoba (1980- ).

### Currency

- The first screen of the database includes the most recent update date.

### To Open the Database

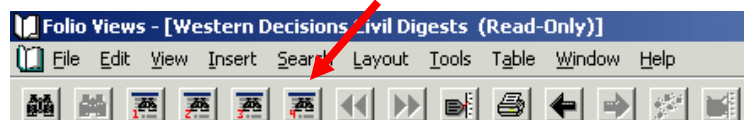


- Double click the Dart Western Decisions icon on the desktop.
- Click Civil Digests to open the database.

### To Search



- At the top of the screen, click the Personal Injury icon (binoculars and a red 4).



- A search box will open. In the **Search Terms** box, enter information such as type of incident, injured body part, or injury. You can also enter plaintiff's age range and sex, and a year range. Being more specific brings fewer results. To limit to BC, add B.C.D. to Search Terms.

**Personal Injury Query Template**

Options List:

- December 28, 2004
- December 29, 2004
- December 30, 2004
- December 31, 2004
- January 3, 2005**
- January 4, 2005
- January 5, 2005
- January 6, 2005
- January 7, 2005
- January 10, 2005

Records with hits - 15

[personal injury] - 7703  
 shoulder - 1651  
 [PF/Age:>=25 <=35] - 1071  
 [Date:>=2005] - 15133

Search Terms:

shoulder

Gender:

Age

From:  To:

Date

Start Date:  End Date:

OK Cancel


- This example search is for shoulder injuries in 25-35 year olds since 2005. The top right of the search box shows the number of matching records. Click OK  to see results.

### Viewing Results


- Click on the double arrow near the top of the screen to move between results.



### Printing



- Click this symbol . It will select the last case summary you have clicked.



- Click the printer icon  (you must have a loaded copy card for this to work).



### Caution

- After printing, deselect a record by clicking the same icon again , or deselect all records by clicking this icon , **or else the record will print again with your next Dart print job.**

