

# Suing Local Governments and Employees (Monell Liability)

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Monell claims are essential when seeking damages from municipalities, as local governments are not liable under 1983 on a respondeat superior theory. To succeed, Plaintiffs must prove a violation of federal law, and a causal link demonstrating that the local government is responsible for the federal law violation. This primer provides guidance on how to meet these necessary elements.

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