

Products Liability Series: Does Arkansas Law Recognize a Claim Against a Supplier for Failure to Inspect?



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Does Arkansas law recognize a claim against a supplier for failure to inspect? Yes, but this cause of action applies to suppliers under limited circumstances. Ordinarily a supplier does not have a duty to inspect a product for possible defects. AMI 1006. If, however, a supplier has reason to believe that the product is defective or is likely to have a defect which would make it dangerous when used for a purpose or in a manner which it should reasonably foresee, then the supplier has a duty to make a reasonable inspection of the product to protect those who will use it and who are in the area of its use from unreasonable risk of harm.

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