

Nurse Spills Hot Coffee On Newborn Infant: Jury Finds Nurse, Facility Negligent.

A jury in the Superior Court, Maricopa County, Arizona awarded a verdict of \$7,000 for a newborn infant scalded by hot coffee spilled on him by a nurse.

The jury heard arguments the nurse was negligent for bringing an open hot-beverage container into the newborn nursery.

The jury also heard arguments that the hospital was negligent for not establishing and enforcing a policy prohibiting caregiv-

ers from bringing open hot-beverage containers into patient care areas and anywhere near the newborns.

The jury awarded damages only to compensate the baby for the injury, not to compensate the parents for emotional distress and no punitive damages. Snyder v. Arrowhead Community Hosp., 2007 WL 2592401 (Sup. Ct. Maricopa Co, Arizona, January 16, 2007).