

## Lesson 65: Corporate Liability

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Jack works for a cellphone company called Ample Inc. Kaori and Jack are talking about Ample Inc.'s problem with another company called Hydra Computers.

Kaori: I heard that your company is being sued by Hydra Computers.

Jack: It's true. They're saying that Ample copied Hydra's smartphone technology.

Kaori: That sounds bad.

Jack: Our company president has already released a statement **in response to** Hydra's claim.

Kaori: Hmmmm. I hope this news doesn't affect Ample's sales.

Jack: So do I. Ample's reputation is still recovering from that incident in China.

Kaori: I remember that news. Ample's smartphone exploded. What happened with the investigation?

Jack: The police said that a fake charger was used, and it caused Ample's battery to explode.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. **In response to** a lot of complaints, Skype is releasing a new version of its program.
2. Jackie Chan is going to star in the movie "Rush Hour 4", **in response to** his fans' request.
3. **In response to** Mr. Lee's suggestions, the company will review its safety procedures.

\* **in response to ~ / ~に**応えて、応じて

### 3. Your Task

You are a factory worker. You are concerned about the strange smell around the factory. You're also hearing complaints from the residents about the smell coming from the factory. Talk to the factory manager (=your tutor) about this. Politely tell him that the company could be sued if it doesn't do anything about the bad smell.

### 4. Let's Talk

What are some reasons for suing a company?

Do you think Japan's environmental rules are strict? Why do you say so?

To avoid problems with local residents, what are the important factors to consider when setting up a factory?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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