

## Displaying information for All Roles located in Connecticut for All Scenarios

### Good Samaritan Law: Use of AED

Conn Gen Stat 52-557b(a)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Dentist

A licensed physician, licensed dentist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical technician, a person trained in CPR, or a person operating an AED who, voluntarily, without compensation, and outside the ordinary course of the person's employment, provides emergency medical care will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

This section extends legal protections to a person or entity who provides or maintains an AED.

Generally, Good Samaritan laws only offer protection for those individuals who provide care during spontaneous emergencies unrelated to volunteer deployment.

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### Liability: Administration of Epinephrine

Conn Gen Stat 52-557b(h)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

An individual who has completed an approved first aid course or has been trained by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse in the use of an epinephrine injector and who, voluntarily, without compensation, and outside the ordinary course of the person's employment, provides emergency care by using an epinephrine injector will not be held legally responsible for acting, or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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### Liability: Intrastate Mutual Aid

Conn Gen Stat 28-22a(Article VIII)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

An individual who, in good faith, responds to the intrastate mutual aid system will not be held legally responsible for injury or death of another person or damage to property. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

This section is limited to the intrastate mutual aid system and actual requested aid by another entity.

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### Liability: Public Health Emergency

Conn Gen Stat 19a-131i

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

When a public health emergency declaration is in effect, an individual working within the scope of their duties on behalf of the state will not be held legally responsible. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

**Liability: Emergency Medical Services Instructor**

Conn Gen Stat 19a-181a

EMT

A certified emergency medical services instructor by the Department of Public Health who provides emergency medical training or instructions will not be held legally responsible. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**Liability: Professional Engineer**

Conn Gen Stat 20-308a

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a licensed professional engineer who, voluntarily and without compensation, provides services at the request of a public official will not be held legally responsible. The services provided must be completed with reasonable care and within professionally recognized standards.

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**Liability: Providing Shelter**

Conn Gen Stat 28-21

Volunteer / Other

An individual who owns or controls real estate or other premises and, voluntarily and without compensation, allows a city or the State to use the real estate for the purpose of sheltering people during an actual, impending, or mock disaster or attack will not be held legally responsible for causing the death or injury to a person on the real estate or the loss or damage to a person's property while on their real estate.

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**Liability: Person Trained in First Aid**

Conn Gen Stat 52-557b(b)

Volunteer / Other, EMT, Firefighter, Law Enforcement

A firefighter, law enforcement officer, teacher or school personnel on school grounds, ski patrol member, lifeguard, conservation officer, patrol officer, special law enforcement officer of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, or emergency medical service personnel who, after completion of an approved first aid course, provides emergency first aid will not be held legally responsible. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

A firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency medical personnel who forcibly enters the residence of a person they reasonably believe needs immediate emergency first aid will not be held legally responsible. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges and Immunities: Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and Preparedness Forces Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

Conn Gen Stat 28-8

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

At the request of the appropriate authority of a town or city, law enforcement, firefighters, and preparedness forces who aid the town or city will receive the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if they were in their home town or city.

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**License Renewal Requirements During a Declared Emergency**

Conn Gen Stat 19a-131j

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

When a civil preparedness emergency or a public health emergency declaration is in effect, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health can suspend requirements for renewal of licenses that would otherwise be required. This suspension can extend for up to 6 months after the emergency is declared over. No license will expire during the suspension but after the end of the emergency these license will be required to be renewed.

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**License Reciprocity: Ambulance Service**

Regs, Conn State Agencies 19a-179-6

EMT

An out-of-state licensed ambulance service is not required to be licensed by Connecticut when transporting a patient from outside to inside the state, from inside to outside the state, or during times of mutual aid or disaster situations.

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**License Reciprocity: Public Health Emergency**

Conn Gen Stat 19a-131j(a)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Pharmacist

When a public health emergency declaration is in effect, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health can issue an order to allow out-of-state licensed emergency medical service personnel, physicians, physical therapists, nurses, nursing assistants, respiratory care practitioners, psychologists, professional counselors, dietitians, nutritionists, embalmers, funeral directors, sanitarians, asbestos contractors, and pharmacists to practice in Connecticut if they work within their scope of practice while aiding in the public health emergency. The order cannot not be active for more than 60 consecutive days.

## Inspection Requirements During a Declared Emergency

Conn Gen Stat 19a-131j

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

When a civil preparedness emergency or a public health emergency declaration is in effect, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health can suspend requirements for inspections that would otherwise be required. This suspension can extend for up to 6 months after the emergency is declared over. An inspection which was suspended will be required after the end of the emergency.

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## License Reciprocity: Intrastate Mutual Aid

Conn Gen Stat 28-22a(Article VII)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

An individual holding a license, certificate, or permit for professional, mechanical, or other skills issued by a participating political subdivision or Connecticut, will be considered licensed, certified, or permitted in the political subdivision requesting aid for the duration of the declared emergency. The chief executive of the political subdivision requesting aid can add limitations or conditions to the license, certificate, or permit.

This section is limited to the intrastate mutual aid system and actual requested aid by another entity.

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## Scope of Practice: Physician Assistant Supervision during Emergencies

Conn Genn Stat 20-12c

Other medical professional, Physician

A physician assistant who is part of the Connecticut Disaster Medical Assistance Team, the Medical Reserve Corps, or the Connecticut Urban Search and Rescue Team or an out-of-state physician assistant who is part of an equivalent organization and is participating in civil preparedness duties or training can provide patient services under the supervision, control, responsibility, and direction of a licensed physician. This licensed physician is not required to be the registered supervising physician the physician assistant normally works with.

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## Scope of Practice: EMT and Paramedic Oversight

Conn Gen Stat 19a-179b

Physician, EMT, Government Public Health

An emergency medical technician or paramedic who is part of the Connecticut Disaster Medical Assistance Team, the Medical Reserve Corps, or the Connecticut Urban Search and Rescue Team will be under the surveillance, medical oversight, and direction of the chief medical officer of such team while they are providing their services for these teams.

**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges and Immunities: Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and Preparedness Forces Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

Conn Gen Stat 28-8

At the request of the appropriate authority of a town or city, law enforcement, firefighters, and preparedness forces who aid the town or city will receive the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if they were in their home town or city.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

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**Scope of Practice: Administering Vaccinations During a Public Health Emergency**

Conn Gen Stat 19a-131f

When a public health emergency declaration is in effect, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health can authorize a qualified person to administer vaccinations. This includes, but is not limited to, dentists, veterinarians, and emergency medical services personnel.

Other medical professional, EMT, Veterinarian, Dentist

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**Scope of Practice: Physician Assistant Supervision during Emergencies**

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Other medical professional, Physician

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**Workers' Compensation: Paid Firefighter when Volunteering with Another Fire Company**

Conn Gen Stat 7-433d

An active member of a paid fire company who offers their services to another fire company that is actively engaged in fire duties and the services are accepted is entitled to workers' compensation if injured while providing services to the other fire company. The firefighter is entitled the benefits as if they are a member of the fire department.

Firefighter

**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Service**

Conn Gen Stat 7-314b

An active member of a volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service is entitled to workers' compensation for an injury that occurred while engaging in fire duties or volunteer ambulance service.

EMT, Firefighter

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**Workers' Benefits: Volunteer Leave**

Conn. Gen. Stat. 5-249

A state employee, who is an active volunteer firefighter, ambulance service, canine search and rescue, or a certified disaster relief volunteer of the American Red Cross, is entitled to leave without loss of pay, seniority, or benefits.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

This is limited to 15 days in a 12 month period either consecutively or nonconsecutively .

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**Workers' Benefits: Municipal Employee Volunteer Leave**

Conn. Gen. Stat. 7-461a

A municipal employee, who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross, is entitled to leave without loss of pay, seniority, or benefits to participate in disaster relief operations upon request of the American Red Cross.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

This is limited to 14 days in a year either consecutively or nonconsecutively .

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**Workers' Benefits: Employee Civil Preparedness**

Conn. Gen. Stat. 28-17

An employee who is a member of an organization engaged in civil preparedness will not be discharged because of this membership.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

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**Workers' Compensation: Auxiliary Law Enforcement, Auxiliary Firefighter, and Civil Preparedness Forces**

Conn Gen Stat 28-14

An auxiliary law enforcement officer, auxiliary firefighter, state employee who is a member of civil preparedness forces, or a person who is a member of civil preparedness forces and has employment separate from civil preparedness is entitled to workers' compensation from the State if they are injured or killed while engaging in or training for civil preparedness.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

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**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Organization**

Conn Gen Stat 28-17a

An individual who is a member of a volunteer organization who participates in a homeland security drill and is injured, disabled, or killed in the course of the drill is entitled to workers' compensation from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker

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**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Firefighter when Volunteering with Another Fire Company**

Conn Gen Stat 7-322a

An active member of a volunteer fire company who offers their services to another fire company that is actively engaged in fire duties and their services are accepted can receive workers' compensation if injured while providing services to the other fire company. The firefighter is also entitled to the benefits from their home fire company.

Firefighter

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**Relevant Compacts**

- International Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact