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Liability: Government or Government Employee or Volunteer

KSA 48-915(b)

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

When an emergency declaration is in effect, the state, a political subdivision, or an employee or volunteer of the state or a political subdivision, who, in good faith, performs emergency management activities, will not be held legally responsible for any damage or injury that occurs. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

Liability: Use of an AED

KSA 65-6149a(a)(1)

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

An individual, who, in good faith and voluntarily, provides emergency care by the use of an AED, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

Liability: Law Enforcement Officer

KSA 48-934

Law Enforcement

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a law enforcement officer, who is engaged in maintaining or restoring the public peace or safety, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with malice or with excessive force. They will have the authority to enforce the ordinances of the municipality affected by the disaster.

Liability: Communication to Emergency Medical Provider

KSA 65-6124

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT

A physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, who gives instructions to an emergency medical provider during an emergency or the emergency medical provider who provides emergency care based on the instructions, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

Liability: Providing Shelter

KSA 48-936

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

An individual owning or controlling real estate, who, voluntarily and without compensation, allows it to be used to shelter people during an actual or impending disaster or nuclear attack, will not be held legally responsible for death, injury, or damage to a person's property while on their real estate.

Liability: Hazardous Material Response Team

KAR 22-24-16

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

A member of a hazardous material response team will be considered a state employee and will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

Liability: Architect and Professional Engineer

KSA 60-4201

Volunteer / Other

An architect or professional engineer, who, in good faith and without compensation, provides their services at the scene of a declared emergency at the request of a public official, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

This section only applies during or within 90 days after the end of a disaster.

Liability: Government or Government Agent

KSA 48-915(a)

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

The state, a political subdivision, or an agent of the state or a political subdivision will not be held legally responsible for acts by a person acting as a volunteer for the state or a political subdivision.

Good Samaritan Law

KSA 65-2891b

Volunteer / Other, Government Public Health,
Firefighter, Law Enforcement

An individual, who is not a health care provider and who, in good faith and without compensation, provides emergency care to a person at the scene of an emergency, 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.

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

Liability: Governmental Employee

KSA 75-6104(j)

Government Public Health

A governmental employee, who provide their services related to emergency management activities, will not be held legally responsible for damages.

Good Samaritan Law: Health Care Provider

KSA 65-2891(a)

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT,
Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and
Behavioral Health Professional

A health care provider, who, in good faith, provides emergency care at the scene of an emergency or accident, 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.

Liability: Nonprofit Volunteer

KSA 60-3601

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

An individual, who volunteers with a nonprofit organization that carries general liability insurance, 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.

Good Samaritan Law: Veterinarian

KSA 47-841

Veterinarian

A veterinarian, who, in good faith and voluntarily, provides emergency care to a human or an animal at the scene of an emergency will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

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

Liability: Regional Medical Emergency Response Team

KSA 48-915(c)

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A member of a regional medical emergency response team will be considered a state employee and will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

Liability: Intrastate Mutual Aid

KSA 48-957

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

An individual, who, in good faith, provides aid under the intrastate mutual aid system, will be considered an agent of the requesting political subdivision and will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

This section is limited to the intrastate mutual aid system.

License Reciprocity: Intrastate Mutual Aid

KSA 48-954

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

An individual, who holds a license, certificate, or permit for professional, mechanical, or other skills issued by Iowa or by a responding entity, is considered to be licensed, certified, or permitted in the requesting jurisdiction for the duration of the emergency.

This section is limited to the intrastate mutual aid system.

License Reciprocity: Retired Dentist

KSA 65-1472

Dentist

A retired dentist can apply for a special volunteer dental license. A dentist holding a special volunteer license cannot accept compensation for their practice of dentistry.

A special volunteer license is not required for a currently licensed dentist to volunteer their time.

Liability: Law Enforcement Officer

KSA 48-934

Law Enforcement

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a law enforcement officer, who is engaged in maintaining or restoring the public peace or safety, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with malice or with excessive force. They will have the authority to enforce the ordinances of the municipality affected by the disaster.

Workers' Benefits: State Employee Volunteer Leave

K.S.A. 75-5548

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

An employee of Kansas, who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross, is entitled to leave with regular pay and without loss to seniority, pay, vacation leave, compensatory time, personal days, sick leave, or earned overtime accumulation to participate in disaster relief operations in Kansas or a contiguous state. During leave, the employee will not be considered a state employee for the purposes of tort claims.

This is limited to 20 work days in a 12 month period either consecutively or nonconsecutively .

Workers' Compensation: Emergency Management Volunteer

KSa 48-922

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

A city with a disaster agency can purchase accident insurance to protect emergency management volunteers when they are injured or killed while performing their duties.

Workers' Compensation: Intrastate Mutual Aid

KSA 48-956

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

An employee or volunteer, who provides intrastate assistance to another jurisdiction and is injured or killed, is entitled to workers' compensation as they would receive in their home jurisdiction.

This section is limited to the intrastate mutual aid system.

Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Law Enforcement, Firefighter, or Emergency Medical Personnel

KSA 44-508

EMT, Firefighter, Law Enforcement

Volunteer law enforcement officers, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel, who are injured while performing their duties, are entitled to workers' compensation.

Workers' Compensation: Hazardous Material Response Team

KAR 22-24-17

A member of a hazardous material response team will be considered a public employee and is entitled to workers' compensation if they are injured or killed while performing their duties.

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other,
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Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist,
Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral
Health Professional

Relevant Compacts

Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact

Emergency Management Assistance Compact