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### Liability: Law Enforcement Outside of Jurisdiction

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann. 5-605

Law Enforcement

A law enforcement officer who is acting outside of their home jurisdiction but within the State at the scene of a crime will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

The law enforcement officer will be defended by their employment as if they were in their home jurisdiction.

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### Liability: Nonprofit Volunteer

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann. 5-407

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, 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 does not apply to providers of health care services when the action is related to medical malpractice.

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### Liability: Use of an Epi Pen

COMAR 10.52.16.15, Md. Health-General  
Code Ann. 13-707

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 physician, who prescribes or a person who is certified to administer an epinephrine injector and provides emergency care by the use of 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: Health Care Provider During Health Emergency

Md. PUBLIC SAFETY Code Ann. 14-3A-06

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

When a catastrophic health emergency proclamation is in effect, a health care provider who, in good faith, acts in accordance with the proclamation will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

**Liability: Food Donation**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann. 5-634

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, donates, prepares, or serves food for use by a nonprofit or a nonprofit that dispenses the food, will not be held legally responsible for the nature or condition of the food. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**Liability: Emergency Vehicle**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann 5-639

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 owner or authorized operator of an emergency vehicle 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: Emergency Hazardous  
Substance Worker**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann 5-617

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, without compensation, is requested to provide assistance at the scene of an emergency hazardous substance discharge, 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 does not apply if the person is the original cause of the hazardous substance discharge.

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**Good Samaritan Law: Veterinarian**

Md. Agriculture Code Ann. 2-314; Md. Courts  
and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann 5-614

Veterinarian

A licensed veterinarian or a veterinarian student, under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, who, without compensation, provides care or assistance to an animal in an emergency where the animal's owner is not available, 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: Professional Engineer**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann. 5-425

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a professional engineer, who, voluntarily and without compensation, provides their services at the request of a government official at the scene of an emergency or disaster, 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: Architect**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann 5-426

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an architect, who, voluntarily and without compensation, provides their services at the request of a government official, 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: Fire or Rescue Company**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann 5-604

EMT, Firefighter

A member of a fire or rescue company, who is performing their duties, 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: Administration of a Vaccine**

Md. Courts And Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann. 5-629

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 is legally allowed to administer vaccines and administers a U.S. FDA approved vaccine to an individual, will not be held legally responsible for adverse effects of the vaccine. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**Liability: Use of an Epi Pen**

Md. Health-General Code Ann. 13-708

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 administers an epi pen will not be held legally responsible because they were not certified.

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**Liability: Providing Shelter**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann. 5-602

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, without compensation, allows it to be used to shelter people or supplies and materials during an actual or practice emergency or attack, will not be held legally responsible for injury or damage to a person or property.

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**Good Samaritan Law: Licensed or Trained Professional**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code  
Ann 5-603

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

A licensed medical professional or a member of a fire department, ambulance squad, or law enforcement agency, who has completed an approved first aid class or is certified to provide emergency medical services and who, without compensation, provides assistance or medical aid at the scene of an emergency, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act.

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**Temporary Volunteer License: Dental Hygienist**

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann.  
4-308(h)

Other medical professional

An out-of-state licensed dental hygienist can apply for a temporary volunteer license to provide their services at temporary dental clinic. This license only lasts for the duration of the temporary dental clinic.

A dental hygienist holding a temporary volunteer license cannot administer local anesthesia or administer, maintain, or monitor nitrous oxide oxygen

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**Hospital Privileges During a Disaster**

COMAR 10.07.01.24(G)

Physician

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a physician registered with the Maryland Physician Volunteer Corps can be granted temporary privileges in a hospital they are not on staff.

Disaster privileges will only last the duration of the declaration or until a hospital executive decides the emergency no longer exists.

**License Reciprocity: Elevator Mechanic**

Md. PUBLIC SAFETY Code Ann. 12-835

Volunteer / Other

An out-of-state licensed elevator mechanic can request an emergency elevator mechanic license when an emergency exists and the number of licensed elevator mechanics in the State is insufficient.

This license is valid for up to 30 days.

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**Scope of Practice: Physician Assistant Supervision during an Emergency**

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. 15-317

Other medical professional, Physician

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a licensed physician assistant in this state or another state is allowed to work under the supervision of a Maryland licensed physician. The physician assistant must notify the Board of their location and the supervising physician.

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**Temporary Volunteer License: Dentist**

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. 4-308(d)

Dentist

An out-of-state licensed dentist can apply for a temporary volunteer dentist's license to provide dentistry at temporary dental clinic. This license only lasts for the duration of the temporary dental clinic.

A dentist holding a temporary volunteer dentist's license cannot administer, maintain, or monitor general anesthesia.

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**Retired License: Dental Hygienist**

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. 4/308(g)

Other medical professional

A retired dental hygienist can apply to have a volunteer license to provide their services without compensation in needy areas for at least 100 hours per year.

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**License Reciprocity: Retired Dentist**

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. 4-308(c)

Dentist

A retired dentist can apply to have a volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry without compensation in needy areas for at least 100 hours per year.

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**License Reciprocity: Emergency Medical Services**

Md. EDUCATION Code Ann. 13-516(b)

EMT

An individual authorized to provide emergency medical services in an adjoining state, and called on by a public safety agency to provide their services or to transport a patient, is not required to be licensed in Maryland.

This person must follow the scope of practice of their license from their state.

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**Workers' Compensation: Law Enforcement Officer Outside of Jurisdiction**

Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann 5-605(c)

Law Enforcement

A law enforcement officer, who is acting outside of their home jurisdiction but within the state, is entitled to workers' compensation.

**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Firefighter or Rescue Squad Disability Benefit**

Md. PUBLIC SAFETY Code Ann 7-202

A volunteer firefighter or a member of a rescue squad, who is injured while performing their duties in Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia, will be entitled to workers' compensation.

EMT, Firefighter

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**Workers' Benefits: Civil Air Patrol, Civil Defense, Volunteer Firefighter, and Volunteer Rescue Squad Leave**

Md. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT Code Ann. 3-703

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an employer cannot terminate an employee for participating in an activity of civil air patrol, civil defense, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad. The employee must submit written proof to their employer that their participation was required.

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: Emergency Management Agency Volunteer**

Md. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT Code Ann. 9-232

An enrolled volunteer of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, who is injured or killed, is considered a covered employee and is entitled to workers' compensation.

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: Law Enforcement**

Md. PUBLIC SAFETY Code Ann. 1-202(b)

A law enforcement officer, volunteer or career firefighter or rescue squad member, or a hazardous material response team member, who is killed while performing their duties, is entitled to workers' compensation.

EMT, Firefighter, Law Enforcement

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**Workers' Compensation: Civil Defense  
Emergency Volunteer**

Md. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT Code Ann.  
9-232.1

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

A civil defense emergency volunteer, who is injured or killed while performing their duties, will be considered a covered employee and is entitled to workers' compensation. They are not entitled to workers' compensation if they are covered by other workers' compensation.

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**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer  
Firefighter or Rescue Squad Death  
Benefit**

Md. PUBLIC SAFETY Code Ann 7-203

EMT, Firefighter

A volunteer firefighter or a member of a rescue squad, who is killed while performing their duties in Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia, will be entitled to workers' compensation.

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

Md. STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS  
Code Ann. 9-1102

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 state employee, who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross, is entitled to leave with regular pay to participate in disaster relief operations upon request of the American Red Cross and approval of employee's appointing authority. Leave will be granted only for services related to a disaster designated as level II or higher by the American Red Cross. During leave, the employee will not be considered a state employee for the purposes of workers' compensation or tort claims.

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

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**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer for  
State Government**

Md. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT Code Ann.  
9-231.1

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

A volunteer worker for a unit of the state government is considered an employee and will receive workers' compensation if injured or killed while performing their duties.



**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer  
Law Enforcement**

Md. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT Code Ann.  
9-220

Law Enforcement

A member of a volunteer law enforcement department, who is injured or killed while performing their duties, is considered a covered employee and are entitled to workers' compensation.

This section does not apply to volunteer law enforcement departments in Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Garrett, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Washington, or Worcester County.

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**Relevant Compacts**

- Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact
- Nurse Licensure Compact
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact