

## Displaying information for All Roles located in Puerto Rico for All Scenarios

### Liability: Hazardous Substances Removal

12 L.P.R.A. 1291

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, at the direction of a public official, assists in removal, cleaning, or disposal of hazardous substances will not be held legally responsible for property damage that results from acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if they act with carelessness or if they cause personal injury or death. They can also be held legally responsible if they caused the hazardous materials accident.

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### Liability: Use of Property

7005 PR Regla 5564(XIX)(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

An individual who owns property and who, through written agreement, allows Civil Defense members to use the property during an emergency or training will not be held legally responsible for any harm suffered on the property due to the individual's carelessness. They will also not be held legally responsible for any harm suffered by a Civil Defense employee or official while they are performing official duties on the property.

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### Liability: Civil Defense Volunteer

7005 PR Regla 5564(XIX)(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

An individual, who is providing official services as a Civil Defense Volunteer, will not be held legally responsible. They can be held legally responsible for acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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### Liability: Volunteer

8 L.P.R.A. 1031(a)-(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

An individual who provides volunteer services within the scope of their official duties and responsibilities will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if they act with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm. They can also be held legally responsible if they deceive the organization for which they are volunteering regarding their license or certification.

**Civil Defense Volunteer**

7005 PR Regla 5564(XVI)(L)

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

An individual who is activated as a civil defense volunteer to perform emergency response services is entitled to the same rights, benefits, and protections from being legally responsible as a member of the government.

**Liability: Architect, Engineer, Land Surveyor, or Construction Personnel**

17 L.P.R.A. 1532

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an architect, engineer, land surveyor, or supervised construction personnel who, without compensation and upon official government or police request, provides architectural, structural, electrical, land surveying, engineering or mechanical services will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act while providing the services.

**License Reciprocity: Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic**

20 L.P.R.A. 3468

EMT

An emergency medical technician or paramedic, with a license issued by an accredited educational institution outside of Puerto Rico and who has taken a revalidation exam, can apply for a provisional license for up to one year.

**License Reciprocity: Physician**

20 L.P.R.A. 133g(c)(3)

Physician

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an individual who is an out-of-state licensed physician can obtain a provisional license from the Medical Discipline and Licensure Board to provide services, as long as they have obtained prior authorization from the Department of Justice.

**Workers? Compensation: Volunteer Firefighter**

25 L.P.R.A. 331z

Firefighter

A volunteer firefighter who is injured or killed in the performance of their duties will be entitled to the same workers? compensation benefits as Puerto Rican government officials.

**Workers? Compensation: Youth Volunteer**

7005 PR Regla 5564(VII)(G)

Minor/Student

An individual who volunteers with the Civil Defense Volunteer Body and who is less than 18 years old will be entitled to workers? compensation.

**Workers? Benefits: Volunteer Compensation**

7005 PR Regla 5564(XVII)(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

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an individual who is activated as a civil defense volunteer is entitled to receive compensation from the Emergency Fund after being deployed for a period of time equal to or greater than 48 hours.

This provision does not apply to volunteers who are employed by a governmental entity.

**Workers? Benefits: American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer Leave**

3 L.P.R.A 703f-2

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, an individual who works as a governmental employee, who is certified as an American Red Cross disaster services volunteer, and whose services are requested by the American Red Cross can leave their place of employment for up to 30 days per year to participate in disaster relief services. They will not lose seniority, vacation and sick time, or pay while volunteering with the American Red Cross.

**Workers? Benefits: Leave for Public Employee**

3 L.P.R.A. 1466

An individual who is a public employee can leave their place of employment to provide volunteer services to the Civil Defense Corps during a declared emergency or to provide volunteer services to 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

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**Workers? Benefits: Government Employee Leave**

21 L.P.R.A. 4568(g)

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an individual who is a government employee can obtain leave from their place of employment to provide volunteer services with the Civil Defense corps.

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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**Relevant Compacts**

Emergency Management Assistance Compact