

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

### Liability: Design Professional

RCW 38.52.195

Volunteer / Other

An individual who provides construction, equipment, or work as directed by relevant authorities within the course of the individual's emergency duties and is complying with other laws governing emergency management activities will not be held legally responsible for injury, death, or damage to property. They can be held legally responsible if the individual was drunk during the accident, was acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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### Liability: Providing Shelter

RCW 38.52.180(1)

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

An individual who owns or controls real estate or other premises and, voluntarily and without compensation, allows the use of the real estate for the purpose of sheltering people during an actual emergency or during a training activity 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. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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### Liability: Travel To or From Emergency or Disaster

RCW 38.52.180(2)

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

An individual traveling to or from an emergency, disaster, search and rescue, or authorized training exercise and attempts to provide aid or assistance while en route 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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### Good Samaritan Law

RCW 4.24.300(1)

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

An individual who, without compensation, provides emergency care at the scene of an emergency or who transports an injured person for emergency medical treatment 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.

## **Emergency Worker Responsibilities**

WAC 118-04-200

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

An Emergency Worker must report to the appropriate on-scene official and must certify to this official that they are mentally and physically fit for any assigned duties, are of all responsibilities, and will comply with them. These responsibilities include: a duty to provide notice if they are on a drug that could impair functionality, an obligation to refrain from being under the influence of alcohol while participating in events or missions, and a requirement that they possess a valid operator's license, not use a private vehicle unless explicitly permitted, and obey all traffic laws if they are tasked to operate a vehicle. They can be held legally responsible for failure to obey these responsibilities.

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## **Liability: Volunteer Emergency Worker**

RCW 38.52.180(3)

Volunteer / Other

A volunteer emergency worker who, in good faith, engages in an emergency management activity within their scope of assigned duties and under the direction of relevant authority will not be held legally responsible for acting or for failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm. The owner of the property or vehicle wherein the event occurs and the supervisor of the individual are also protected from being legally responsible.

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## **Liability: Use of Non-Highway Vehicle**

RCW 38.52.180(8)

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

A volunteer emergency worker who operates an off-road vehicle will not be held legally responsible for acting or for failing to act.

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## **Liability: Assistance During Hazardous Material Incident**

RCW 70.136.050

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

An individual who, after signing a hazardous materials assistance agreement, provides emergency care, assistance, or advice, in good faith, relevant to a hazardous materials incident will not be held legally responsible for acting or for failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

**Good Samaritan: Use of AED**

RCW 70.54.310

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

An individual who uses an AED at the scene of an emergency, as well as any other individuals providing care at the same incident, will not be held legally responsible for any personal injury that results. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**License Reciprocity: Elevator Mechanics During State of Emergency**

RCW 70.87.030

Volunteer / Other

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**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Immunities: Emergency Workers Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.080

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

Under a reciprocal mutual aid agreement, an individual who is an emergency worker and providing aid in another state or somewhere in Washington outside of the individual's hometown will enjoy all powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities from being legally responsible that the individual would have enjoyed in the individual's hometown.

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**Privileges, Benefits and Immunities: Citizens Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.110

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

If the governor forces citizens of Washington to be involved in providing services or equipment during a declared emergency or disaster, the citizens recruited for service on behalf of the governor will enjoy all privileges, benefits and immunities from being legally responsible that registered volunteer emergency workers enjoy.

**Liability: Mutual Aid Agreement**

RCW 38.56.080

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

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**Retired Active License: Optometrist**

WAC 246-851-545

Other medical professional

An optometrist who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the optometrist who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**License Reciprocity: Professional, Mechanical, or Other Skills**

RCW 38.52.180(6)

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

A volunteer emergency worker who performs a professional, mechanical, or other skill does not need a license to practice that professional, mechanical, or other skill during an emergency or disaster.

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**Retired Active License: Psychologist**

WAC 246-924-500

Other medical professional

A psychologist who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the psychologist who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**Retired Active License: Dispensing Optician**

WAC 246-824-073

Other medical professional

A dispensing optician who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the dispensing optician who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

**Retired Volunteer License: Medical Assistant**

WAC 246-827-0630

Other medical professional

A medical assistant-certified, a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician, or a medical assistant-phlebotomist can obtain a volunteer medical worker license by having a license that was active at least 10 years prior, submitting an application, and providing proof of current registration as a volunteer emergency worker with a local organization. The retired volunteer medical worker license allows practitioners to practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the medical assistant-certified, a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician, or a medical assistant-phlebotomist can also practice in non-emergent circumstances, such as training exercises, when activated by their respective local organization.

**Retired Active License: Chemical Dependency Professional**

WAC 246-811-081

Other medical professional

A chemical dependency professional who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the chemical dependency professional who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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RCW 38.52.080

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**Retired Active License: Osteopathic Physician**

WAC 246-853-235

Physician

An osteopathic physician who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the osteopathic physician who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

**Privileges, Benefits and Immunities:  
Citizens Providing Aid in Another  
Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.110

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

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**Retired Active License: Osteopathic  
Physician Assistant**

WAC 246-854-112

Other medical professional

An osteopathic physician assistant who obtains retired active licensure status (by holding an active Washington state license, in good standing, and paying a fee) can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the osteopathic physician assistant who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**Retired Active License: Denturist**

WAC 246-812-165

Other medical professional

A licensed denturist who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the licensed denturist who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**License Reciprocity: Elevator  
Mechanics During State of Emergency**

RCW 70.87.030

Volunteer / Other

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**Retired Active License: Ocularist**

WAC 246-849-260

Other medical professional

An ocularist who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the ocularist who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

**Retired Active License: Physician Assistant**

WAC 246-918-175

Other medical professional

A physician assistant who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency, as long as the physician assistant has a delegation agreement when not serving as a volunteer emergency worker; the physician assistant who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**Retired Active License: Licensed Counselor**

WAC 246-809-730

Other medical professional, Social Worker

A licensed counselor who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency; the licensed counselor who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**Retired Active License: Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse**

WAC 246-840-125

Nurse

A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who obtains retired active licensure status can practice in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, when war has been declared, or states of emergency. The registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who holds a retired active license can also practice up to 90 days in each calendar year in non-emergencies.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Transportation Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(16)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Transportation Workers can plan, organize, maintain, operate, and coordinate transportation for supplies, evacuees, and personnel, among other things.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Hazardous Material Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(7)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Hazardous Material Worker can perform duties related to hazardous incident response activities such as coordinating response resources.

**Scope of Practice: Emergency Radiological Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(12)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Radiological Worker can perform radiological monitoring, reporting, planning, and other related duties.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Fire Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(5)

Firefighter

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Fire Worker can assist in fire fighting activities anywhere in the state including rescuing persons, protecting property, instructing residents regarding fire prevention, and providing emergency information to reduce fire hazards.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Medical Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(10)

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

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Medical Worker can perform precautionary measures for biological or chemical incidents, can identify sick and injured, can carry out critical incident stress debriefing, and can perform other medical and health services.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Supply Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(14)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Supply Worker can perform procurement, warehousing, staging, and sorting activities as well as release of supplies, equipment, and materials.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Administration Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(1)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Administration Worker can perform technical, administrative, and clerical services such as recruiting, coordinating, and directing emergency support activities.

**Scope of Practice: Emergency Law Enforcement Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(8)

Law Enforcement

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Law Enforcement Worker can assist law enforcement officers with administrative and other non-enforcement functions.

**Scope of Practice: Emergency Training Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(15)

Volunteer / Other

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Training Worker can perform education related to enhancement of emergency preparedness.

**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Immunities: Emergency Workers Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.080

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Utilities Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(18)

Volunteer / Other

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Utilities Worker can assist utility personnel in repairing water, gas, electric, telephone, telegraph, steam, sewer, and other utility facilities.

**Privileges, Benefits and Immunities: Citizens Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.110

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: Emergency Aviation Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(2)

Volunteer / Other

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Aviation Worker can perform air searches in support of emergency management activities.

**Scope of Practice: Emergency Engineering Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(4)

Volunteer / Other

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Engineering Worker can perform engineering activities in support of emergency engineering-related services, such as construction, demolition, repair, closure, and maintenance of state infrastructure.

**Scope of Practice: Temporary Emergency Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(6)

Volunteer / Other

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, a Temporary or General Emergency Worker who is not providing any specialized service can perform duties that an individual without specific emergency assignment could perform (such as conducting sandbagging operations during a flood or helping with training activities for specialized providers).

**Scope of Practice: Emergency Mass Care Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(9)

Volunteer / Other, Social Worker

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When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Mass Care Worker can provide food, clothing, non-medical evacuation, registration, and lodging in mass care centers. They can also collect information, perform health and welfare inquiries, and provide counseling (if the emergency worker is a qualified counselor).

**License Reciprocity: Elevator Mechanics During State of Emergency**

RCW 70.87.030

Volunteer / Other

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Public Education Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(11)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Public Education Worker, can conduct public education and other informational activities to keep the public informed and injury-free during emergency activities.

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**Scope of Practice: Emergency Search and Rescue Worker**

WAC 118-04-100(13)

Volunteer / Other

When an emergency declaration is in effect, or during a related event, an Emergency Search and Rescue Worker can perform rescue or recovery activities such as searching for downed aircraft.

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**Workers? Compensation: Volunteer Emergency Worker Status**

RCW 38.52.180(7)

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

An individual who is otherwise entitled to receive workers? compensation from another source will not lose that entitlement merely by serving as a volunteer emergency worker.

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**Workers? Compensation: Emergency Worker**

WAC 118-04-300

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

An Emergency Worker who is injured while participating in a mission, training event, or other related activity authorized by the emergency management division and under the supervision of an authorized official are entitled to workers? compensation in the locale in which the injury occurred.

**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges,  
and Immunities: Emergency Workers  
Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.080

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other,  
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Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist,  
Pharmacist, Social Worker

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**Workers? Compensation: Mutual Aid  
Agreement**

RCW 38.56.060

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

An emergency responder who provides assistance under an Intrastate Agreement is not entitled to workers? compensation or other employment benefits from the locale in which the emergency responder provides services.

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**Privileges, Benefits and Immunities:  
Citizens Providing Aid in Another  
Jurisdiction**

RCW 38.52.110

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

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**Workers? Benefits: Minor Emergency  
Worker**

RCW 38.52.270

Minor/Student

A minor who is an emergency worker is entitled to the same workers? compensation benefits an adult in the minor?s situation would be entitled to.

**Workers? Benefits: Volunteer  
Firefighter, Reserve Officer, Civil Air  
Patrol Member**

RCW 49.12.460

Volunteer / Other, Firefighter, Law Enforcement

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**Relevant Compacts**

Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact

Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Agreement