

Good Samaritan Law: Respiratory Therapist

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A licensed respiratory therapist who, in good faith, provides emergency care at the scene of an emergency that occurs outside the respiratory therapist's employment will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

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

Immunity from liability for rendering emergency care; Exception

A person licensed under this chapter who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency which occurs outside both the place and the course of employment shall not be liable for any civil damages as the result of acts or omissions by the person in rendering the emergency care.

This section does not grant immunity from civil damages when the person is grossly negligent.