

Liability: Direction by a Physician to Emergency Medical Services Provider

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A physician who, voluntarily and without compensation, provides indirect advice or direction to an emergency medical services provider will not be held legally responsible for injuries or death caused by the advice or direction. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

Immunity from Liability

5. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law, any physician who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary compensation provides indirect medical control, as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision fifteen of section three thousand one of this article, to a voluntary ambulance service or voluntary advanced life support first response service described in section three thousand one of this article shall not be liable for damages for injuries or death alleged to have been sustained by any person as a result of such medical direction unless it is established that such injuries or death were caused by gross negligence on the part of such physician.