

## Good Samaritan Law: Dentist

### NY CLS Educ 6611(6)

A licensed dentist who, voluntarily and without compensation, is at an emergency without proper or necessary medical equipment will not be held legally responsible for providing or failing to provide emergency care or first aid. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

This does not provide legal protection in non-emergency situations.

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### Special Provisions

6. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law, any licensed dentist who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment at the scene of an accident or other emergency, outside of a hospital or any other place having proper and necessary medical equipment, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured shall not be liable for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by such person or for damages for the death of such person alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of such first aid or emergency treatment unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross negligence on the part of such dentist. Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed or construed to relieve a licensed dentist from liability for damages for injuries or death caused by an act or omission on the part of a dentist while rendering professional services in the normal and ordinary course of practice.