

Liability: EMT During an Emergency Declaration

D.C. Code 7-401(d-1)

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an EMT or paramedic who, in good faith, provides care will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness.

Limitation on liability for medical care or assistance in emergency situations

(d-1) If the Mayor of the District of Columbia declares a state of emergency pursuant to §7-2304, any act or omission of an emergency medical technician/paramedic (?Paramedic?), an emergency medical technician/intermediate paramedic (?EMT/I?), or an emergency medical technician (?EMT?), performed while providing advanced or basic life support to a patient or trauma victim shall not impose liability upon the Paramedic, EMT/I, or EMT, or any employer of the Paramedic, EMT/I, or EMT; provided, that the care is provided in good faith and does not constitute gross negligence.