

Liability: Nonprofit Volunteer

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An individual, who volunteers with a nonprofit organization that carries general liability insurance, 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.

Immunity from liability for volunteers of certain nonprofit organizations, limitations

(b) If a nonprofit organization carries general liability insurance coverage, a volunteer of such organization shall not be liable for damages in a civil action for acts or omissions as such volunteer unless: (1) Such conduct constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or intentionally tortious conduct; or (2) such volunteer is required to be insured by law or is otherwise insured against such acts or omissions but, in such case, liability shall be only to the extent of the insurance coverage.

(c) If a nonprofit organization carries general liability insurance coverage, a volunteer of such organization shall not be liable for damages in a civil action for the actions or omissions of any of the officers, directors, trustees, employees or other volunteers of the nonprofit organization unless: (1) The volunteer authorizes, approves, ratifies or otherwise actively participates in the action or omission and the action or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct or intentionally tortious conduct; or (2) such volunteer is required to be insured by law or is otherwise insured against such acts or omissions but, in such case, liability shall be only to the extent of the insurance coverage.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the liability of a nonprofit organization for damages caused by

the negligent or wrongful act or omission of its volunteer and a volunteer's negligence or wrongful act or omission, when acting as a volunteer, shall be imputed to the nonprofit organization for the purpose of apportioning liability for damages to a third party pursuant to K.S.A. 60-258a, and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this act shall apply only to causes of action accruing on or after July 1, 1987.