



GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

All 50 states have enacted Good Samaritan laws that give legal protection to people who willingly give emergency care to an ill or injured person without accepting anything in return. Developed to encourage people to help, these laws require the “Good Samaritan” to –

- **Act in good faith.**
- **Not be deliberately negligent or reckless.**
- **Act within the scope of his or her training.**
- **Not abandon the person after starting to give care.**

From Division 2.5 of the California Health and Safety Code:

1799.102. No person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission. The scene of an emergency shall not include emergency departments and other places where medical care is usually offered.



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