

GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS

All states have passed Good Samaritan laws or acts that give legal protection to lay rescuers who act in good faith with no expectation of remuneration and are not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. The type of rescuer covered and the scope of protection vary from state to state.

The American Red Cross is not in a position to provide legal advice or render interpretations of the validity or scope of the various Good Samaritan laws.

Colorado Revised Statute – “Good Samaritan Law”

Good Samaritan: [A]ny ... person, who in good faith renders emergency care or emergency assistance to a person ... without compensation at the place of an emergency or accident, ... shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions made in good faith as a result of the rendering of such emergency care or emergency assistance during the emergency, unless the acts or omissions were grossly negligent or willful and wanton (C.R.S. §13-21-108).