

## CHAPTER 604

## ACTIONS INVOLVING NEGLIGENCE

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**604.05 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW.**

Subdivision 1. **Duty to assist.** Any person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person is exposed to or has suffered grave physical harm shall, to the extent that he can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, give reasonable assistance to the exposed person. Reasonable assistance may include obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement or medical personnel. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **General immunity from liability.** Any person, including a public or private nonprofit volunteer firefighter, volunteer police officer, volunteer ambulance attendant, and volunteer first provider of emergency medical services, who without compensation or the expectation of compensation renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency or during transit to a location where professional medical care can be rendered, is not liable for any civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by that person in rendering the emergency care unless that person acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing the care. Any person rendering emergency care during the course of regular employment, and receiving compensation or expecting to receive compensation for rendering such care, shall be excluded from the protection of this section.

For the purposes of this section, the scene of an emergency shall be those areas not within the confines of a hospital or other institution which has hospital facilities, or an office of a person licensed to practice one or more of the healing arts pursuant to chapters 147, 148, 150A, or 153.

For the purposes of this section, compensation does not include nominal payments, reimbursement for expenses, or pension benefits.

**History:** 1983 c 319 s 1

**604.06 FIREMAN'S RULE.**

The common law doctrine known as the fireman's rule shall not operate to deny any peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, clause (c), or section 352E.01, subdivision 2, a recovery in any action at law or authorized by statute.

**History:** 1983 c 159 s 1