



Good Samaritan Protection for rescuers in Australia.

A Good Samaritan is defined as 'a person acting without expecting financial or other reward for providing assistance. Although jurisdictional differences exist, volunteers are generally defined as a member of a volunteer organization performing voluntary community work.'

A Good Samaritan is under no legal obligation to rescue or assist a person with the exception being the Northern Territory where persons are required by law to render assistance, if able to do so.

Protection of good Samaritans in Australia is provided through the following State and Territory Acts

New South Wales - CIVIL LIABILITY ACT 2002

South Australia - GOOD SAMARITANS (LIMITATION OF LIABILITY) BILL 2002

Queensland - CIVIL LIABILITY (GOOD SAMARITAN) AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Australian Capital Territory - Civil Law (Wrongs) Bill 2002

Western Australia - CIVIL LIABILITY ACT 2002

Victoria - Wrongs Act 1958 (Vic)

Northern Territory - Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act (NT)

Tasmania - Civil Liability Act 2002(Tas)

The Australian Resuscitation Council through its ANZCOR Guideline 10.5 details information on Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Resuscitation.

We would encourage our customers to familiarise themselves with this guideline or to obtain independent legal advice if they were wishing to clarify their particular situation.