



Emergency Volunteer Toolkit

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Overview of ASTHO Emergency Volunteer Toolkit

The *Emergency Volunteer Toolkit* addresses key concepts regarding emergency response volunteers, including types of volunteers, federal and state laws governing or affecting volunteers, and volunteer registration. The toolkit component documents are designed to be used as a resource to assist in education, training, and planning activities to prepare for deploying volunteers during emergencies, as well as to serve as a quick reference resource during an emergency response.

Intended Audiences

These documents are specifically designed to address the different needs of discrete audiences within a state health agency:

- State health officers, agency directors, or other senior governmental officials may find the executive overviews and fact sheets of particular interest.
- Preparedness directors and other programmatic staff will find the fact sheets, issue briefs, state analysis guides, and resource materials useful in understanding and gaining more in-depth knowledge about particular concepts and legal issues.
- Legal counsel will find the fact sheets about particular federal laws and regulations, issue briefs, state analysis guides, and citations within the resource materials a good basis from which to conduct additional research and analyze their particular state's authorities on these issues.
- The current issue updates are a good resource for all audiences to learn the latest developments on issues related to the toolkit topic.

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All documents are listed alphabetically within each document category

Executive Overviews

One-page snapshots of key concepts and issues

- [Key Emergency Response Volunteer Concepts](#)
- [Key Federal and State Laws Regarding Emergency Volunteers](#)

Fact Sheets

Short documents addressing fundamental issues or legal authorities

- [Types of Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteer Licensing, Credentialing, and Privileging and Waiver and Reciprocity](#)
- [Volunteers, Liability and Liability Protections](#)
- [Volunteer Protection Acts and Good Samaritan Laws](#)
- [Volunteer Registration](#)
- [Workers' Compensation and Disability Benefits for Emergency Volunteers](#)

Issue Briefs

In-depth information and analyses of fundamental issues

- No issue briefs in the toolkit at this time

State Analysis Guides

Aids to assist states in identifying and analyzing their own statutes, regulations, and policies

- [Emergency Volunteers](#) (DOC)

Current Issues and Updates

Periodic updates on new and evolving issues

- No current issues and updates in the toolkit at this time

Resource Materials

Bibliographies and links to key agencies, organizations, laws, and other documents

- [Emergency Volunteers Supplemental Materials](#)

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