

Stopping to Render Aid

A county employee who comes across an accident scene, such as an auto accident, may choose to stop and render aid. Rendering aid is not required for most county employees with the exception of on-duty law enforcement and medical personnel. However, on-duty county employees should not be afraid to stop and help until emergency responders arrive even if it is outside of the scope of their duties.

Mental & Physical Health

While stopping at an accident site may expose county employees to traumatic situations, as a CTSI/CHP member they have access to a full range of medical and mental healthcare benefits that can help them deal with any trauma that may result from assisting at an accident site. As for potential legal liability, they are also protected by the Good Samaritan law which states:

13-21-108. Persons rendering emergency assistance exempt from liability. (1) Any person licensed as a physician and surgeon under the laws of the state of Colorado, or any other person, who in good faith renders emergency care or emergency assistance to a person not presently his patient without compensation at the place of an emergency or accident, including a health care institution as defined in section 13-64-202 (3), 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. This section shall not apply to any person who renders such emergency care or emergency assistance to a patient he is otherwise obligated to cover.

Colorado has a lot of remote areas and county employees, such as road and bridge workers, may be the first to come across an accident site. In cases such as this, they can choose to stop, summon aid, and assist until emergency responders arrive.

What This Means for Counties

Helping someone in need is often our first instinct when coming across an emergency situation. While rendering aid is not part of the job duties for most county employees, should you find yourself in a situation where you can help someone, do not be afraid to stop and render aid. Two areas of coverage/protection along with others that may be available are: CTSI health benefits coverage of mental or physical health issues that may arise from helping at an accident scene. Plus, the state of Colorado offers legal protection for people offering emergency assistance under the Good Samaritan law. For more information about dealing with an emergency situation while on the job, please contact CTSI at 303 861 0507. [CTSI](#)