

Good samaritan acts

Good samaritan acts are voluntary actions taken:

- in public interest
- where ordinary standards of humanity dictate action
- in emergency situations for the purposes of protecting or advancing the interests of the parties concerned

For a claim to be covered by WCB-Alberta, the accident and injury must:

- arise out of employment (there was an employment hazard; something in the work environment contributed to the resulting accident and injury)
- occur during the course of employment (the accident and injury happened in a time and place consistent with the employment expectations and obligations)

**Good samaritan acts are performed in a true emergency situation; they are not needlessly dangerous actions taken when there is no immediate threat.*

Claims involving good samaritan acts must be reviewed within the parameter of Section 1(1)(a) of the *Worker's Compensation Act* and Policy 02-01 <http://www.wcb.ab.ca/public/policy/manual/0201p1.asp>.

You can find the *Alberta Workers' Compensation Act* at:
<http://www.wcb.ab.ca/public/policy/legislation.asp>