

# Volunteer Risk

The Denton County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps intends to mitigate and prevent risks to volunteers. Every attempt will be made to reduce risks to volunteers through training, education and use of universal precautions.

## Volunteers Protected from Legal Liability

**Under the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, people who volunteer for non-profit organizations or governmental entities cannot be held liable for any harm (except for a harm caused by operation of a motor vehicle or a harm caused by criminal conduct or gross or reckless misconduct) that they may cause while engaged in volunteer activity. This organization (or entity) qualifies under federal law, so if you volunteer, you can do so secure in the knowledge that by volunteering you are not exposing yourself to additional legal liability.**

Be aware, however, that some unanticipated risk possibilities may be present both during a public health emergency and during non-emergency work with direct patient contact. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers agree to assume their own risk as a volunteer. Any incidents, accidents or injuries should be reported to the Denton County MRC Volunteer Coordinator immediately at (940) 349-2923.

I have read the Denton County Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps policy on Volunteer Risk. I understand its contents and have had the opportunity to ask questions regarding my risk as a volunteer. I agree to assume my own risk as a volunteer and will report any incidents, accidents, or injuries immediately to the Medical Reserve Corps volunteer Coordinator. I also agree to hold Denton County and the Denton County Health Department harmless for any injuries/illnesses I incur in the performance of my duties as a volunteer.

I understand and agree to uphold these values.

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Volunteer Name                      Date Accepted