

		Practice Document #: STS-SAF-010.01 Emergency Procedures – First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	
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Statement	STSTB recognizes that, while transporting students, it may be necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on a student in respiratory distress.
Practice	When a bus driver applies the following procedure, they do so in accordance with the “good Samaritan act” Bill 20 (2001) see STS-SAF-010 Emergency Procedures – First Aid, CPR - Appendix A, and not as a health professional. Each year, school bus Operators will coordinate CPR training sessions, specifically for drivers at the beginning of the year and during the school year when a new driver is hired. Operators must provide STSTB, through the Contract Performance and Management Program, proof that all their drivers have successfully completed CPR training. Drivers receive training through their Operator and an accredited CPR training provider (ie. St. John’s Ambulance) Drivers will follow training and protocol set out by their individual Operator regarding the reporting and follow-up of an event that required them to use their CPR training.

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Good Samaritan Act, 2001

S.O. 2001, CHAPTER 2

Definition

1. In this Act,

“health care professional” means a member of a College of a health profession set out in Schedule 1 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*. 2001, c. 2, s. 1.

Protection from liability

2. (1) Despite the rules of common law, a person described in subsection (2) who voluntarily and without reasonable expectation of compensation or reward provides the services described in that subsection is not liable for damages that result from the person’s negligence in acting or failing to act while providing the services, unless it is established that the damages were caused by the gross negligence of the person. 2001, c. 2, s. 2 (1).

Persons covered

(2) Subsection (1) applies to,

- (a) a health care professional who provides emergency health care services or first aid assistance to a person who is ill, injured or unconscious as a result of an accident or other emergency, if the health care professional does not provide the services or assistance at a hospital or other place having appropriate health care facilities and equipment for that purpose; and
- (b) an individual, other than a health care professional described in clause (a), who provides emergency first aid assistance to a person who is ill, injured or unconscious as a result of an accident or other emergency, if the individual provides the assistance at the immediate scene of the accident or emergency. 2001, c. 2, s. 2 (2).

Reimbursement of expenses

(3) Reasonable reimbursement that a person receives for expenses that the person reasonably incurs in providing the services described in subsection (2) shall be deemed not to be compensation or reward for the purpose of subsection (1). 2001, c. 2, s. 2 (3).

3. Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Act). 2001, c. 2, s. 3.

4. Omitted (enacts short title of this Act). 2001, c. 2, s. 4.

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