

LIFEGUARDING

REVIEW QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 1: THE PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARD

Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer to the question.

1. **Good Samaritan laws are designed to protect most professional rescuers from—**
 - a. The risk of legal action as a result of sharing information about the victim with bystanders and local media.
 - b. The risk of legal action as long as they act in good faith, within the scope of their training and are not negligent.
 - c. The need to legally document what was seen, heard and done at the scene.
 - d. The need to obtain consent before providing care.

2. **Before providing care for a conscious injured or ill victim, you must first—**
 - a. Announce to bystanders what you are going to do.
 - b. Begin to write your record of what happened.
 - c. Find out if you have a duty to act.
 - d. Obtain the victim's consent.

3. **Which of the following is NOT a responsibility of lifeguards?**
 - a. Educating patrons about facility rules and regulations.
 - b. Ensuring the victim returns to his or her previous state of health.
 - c. Minimizing or eliminating hazardous situations or behaviors.
 - d. Providing needed care for the victim.

4. **If a victim of injury or illness refuses care, you should—**
 - a. Continue to provide care as needed.
 - b. Explain to the victim why he or she needs care and request the victim to at least allow someone more highly trained, such as EMS personnel, to evaluate the situation.
 - c. Interview bystanders and fill out the incident report.
 - d. Tell the victim you are trained to help, your level of training and what you think may be wrong.

5. **Negligence includes all of the following EXCEPT—**
 - a. Failing to control or stop any behaviors that could result in further harm or injury.
 - b. Failing to provide care.
 - c. Providing inappropriate care.
 - d. Providing the standard of care.

Matching

6. Match each term with the correct definition.

A. Abandonment

B. Confidentiality

C. Duty to Act

D. Negligence

E. Standard of Care

- Legal responsibility to act in an emergency while on the job.
- The victim's right to privacy, which is protected by not sharing information learned about the victim.
- Guidelines and expectations for professional rescuers, which may be established in part by their training program and in part by state or local authorities.
- A failure to follow the standard of care or failure to act, which results in someone being injured or causes further harm to the victim.
- Leaving the scene of an emergency or ceasing to provide care for a victim who requires ongoing care before someone with equal or greater training arrives and takes over.

Multiple Answers

Place a check next to the correct answer or answers.

7. To look professional and be prepared to respond appropriately to any situation, a professional lifeguard must—

- Wear the lifeguard uniform when on and off duty.
- Be well groomed.
- Keep rescue equipment locked in the storage room so it is ready for use when on duty.
- Sit or stand upright at the lifeguarding station.
- Keep eyes focused on the assigned area of responsibility at all times.
- Keep essential personal gear, such as sunglasses, away from the lifeguard station while on surveillance duty.
- Observe all facility rules, regulations and policies.
- Eat only when in the lifeguard office or on the lifeguard stand when the area of responsibility is clear of patrons.

8. Which of the following situations would require obtaining consent from the individual or from a parent or guardian before providing care?

- An unconscious victim of a head injury.
- A person who is conscious with a minor open wound.
- A person who is currently conscious but previously was unconscious, according to his friend.
- A child who is with his parents but is unconscious from an accident.
- A person who can talk and can give information regarding his or her injury or illness.
- An unconscious child at a lakefront who carpooled with another family but whose parents or guardian cannot be located.
- A college student who is confused and was seriously injured during a nonfatal submersion.

True or False

Circle true or false.

9. True False **Good Samaritan laws protect people who willingly provide emergency care without accepting anything in return.**
10. True False **Good Samaritan laws protect people from legal liability resulting from a victim's injury if they act in good faith and provide care outside of their level of training.**
11. True False **Good Samaritan laws may not protect a rescuer from legal liability resulting from a victim's injury if the rescuer stopped providing care and left the scene of the emergency before another rescuer of equal or more advanced training arrived to take over.**
12. True False **Good Samaritan laws protect all lifeguards.**
13. True False **To learn what the lifeguard team members should expect from one another, team members must communicate and practice the facility's EAP together.**
14. True False **Annual certification training may include CPR and AED review courses, lifeguarding review courses and review of lifeguarding knowledge and skills.**
15. True False **Seasonal lifeguards can lose knowledge and skills during the off-season.**

Fill in the Blanks

16. The primary responsibility of a lifeguard is to ensure patron safety and protect lives. This can be done in several ways, such as—
- _____ injuries by minimizing or eliminating hazardous situations or behaviors.
 - _____ facility rules and regulations and _____ patrons about them.
 - Recognizing and _____ quickly and effectively to all emergencies.
 - Administering _____ and CPR or using an AED in an emergency and, if trained, administering emergency oxygen when needed.
 - Informing other _____, facility staff and management when more help or equipment is needed.
17. When using the FIND decision-making model applied to lifeguarding decisions, FIND means—
- _____ out the problem.
 - _____ possible solutions.
 - _____ the pros and cons for each solution.
 - _____ which solution is best.

Short Answer

18. List at least five characteristics of a professional lifeguard.

19. List at least five legal principles involved in emergency care.

20. Provide two important reasons for documenting an injury or incident.

21. Name three things management can do to support the professional lifeguard.