

Community Service

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Criminal and Juvenile Offenders

A municipality, its officers, and its employees will not be liable to the offender, his family, or other persons for acts of a state criminal law offender or a municipal ordinance offender performing public service work if the municipality exercised due care in supervising the offender (T.C.A. § 41-3-107).

If a municipality or other organization exercised due care in supervising a juvenile performing community service work, immunity is granted to such entities for:

- any injuries sustained by the juvenile;
- injuries to others caused by the juvenile;
- any act of the juvenile; and
- liability for the juvenile or his or her family for death or injuries caused by the juvenile. T.C.A. § 37-1-131(a)(7).

Inmates housed in county and municipal workhouses may volunteer to work for the municipality or other governmental entity. T.C.A. § 41-3-106(b)(2).

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