

Lo Ta'amod 'al Dam Re'ekha **Law, 5758 -1998¹**

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| 1. (a) | A person is obliged to proffer assistance, when able to do so without endangering himself or his fellow, to a person who, in close proximity, and following a sudden event, is subject to a serious and immediate danger to his life, his person, or his health. | The Duty
of Rescue
and to
Proffer
Assistance |
| (b) | If that person notifies the authorities or calls upon another person who can proffer the required assistance, then he shall be deemed as though he proffered assistance for the purposes of this Law: in this Section, "authorities" – the police, the ambulance services [Magen David Adom], and the fire-fighting services. | |
| 2. (a) | The provisions of Section 5 of the Unjust Enrichment Law, 5739-1979, ² shall apply, notwithstanding that the person providing the benefit acted in accordance with his obligation under Section 1. | Refund of
Expenses
and
Damages |

1. "You shall not stand idly by when your fellow man is in danger of harm" (Leviticus 19:16). *Bill and Explanatory Notes* published in *Bills 2398*, 4 Nissan 5755 (April 4, 1995), p. 456; law published in *Laws 1670*, 6 Tammuz 5758 (June 30, 1998), p. 245.
2. *Laws 5739*, p. 42.

- (b) The Court may order the party responsible for causing the danger that the rescued person was subject to, including the rescued person himself if he caused the danger, to indemnify the person who proffered Section 1, for reasonable costs and expenses that he incurred.
3. Save as otherwise provided by Section 2 (a) of this Law the provisions of this Law shall not derogate from the provisions of any other enactment. **Saving of Powers**
4. A person in breach of the provisions of Section 1 of this Law shall be subject to a fine. **Penalties**
5. The Minister of Justice is charged with the implementation of this Law. **Implementation**
6. This Law shall come into force upon the expiration of 90 days from the date of its publication [in *Reshumot*]. **Commencement**

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