

Agreement between the volunteer and the Red Cross

I will comply with the fundamental principles of the Red Cross when serving as a volunteer.

I will comply with the Frivilligpolicy för Svenska Röda Korset [Policy for Swedish Red Cross Volunteers] when serving as a volunteer.

I and the group/volunteer leader* are in agreement over the content and scope of the service (see description of service).

I will inform the group/volunteer leader well in time before taking a break from or withdrawing my services as a volunteer.

I am aware that I may be suspended from serving as a volunteer if I do not comply with this agreement.

The Red Cross duty of confidentiality

As a volunteer, you will meet people who receive support or who are involved in the various activities of the Red Cross. These are individuals who, for a variety of reasons, are in need of your human support and that of other volunteers to enable them to change and improve their living conditions.

When you come into contact with people, they will take you into their confidence and you will find out details concerning the individual's living conditions. It is fundamental to the individual's confidence in you as a volunteer that, under no circumstances, will you reveal to a third party something which you have been informed of in confidence when you have come into contact with individuals as part of your service with the Red Cross.

By signing this agreement, I also accept a duty of confidentiality.

Place and date

Volunteer's signature

Volunteer leader's/group leader's signature

Branch

Appendices: Frivilligpolicy för Svenska Röda Korset [Policy for Swedish Red Cross Volunteers], Supporting documentation for individual operations, Description of service

*) In some cases, volunteers may be supervised by officials appointed by the National Executive.

Fundamental principles of the Red Cross

The fundamental principles of the Red Cross are the same as our own values. They are the glue that unites the whole operation and must be subscribed to by every volunteer who wishes to play an active part in the movement. There are seven principles. The first two are objectives, followed by two principles which describe the means by which we work. The last three refer to our organisation.

Humanity

The Red Cross works to prevent and relieve human suffering. The objective is to protect life and health, and to work for peace.

Impartiality

We do not discriminate on the basis of religion, ethnicity, nationality or political views. We object to all forms of discrimination. We aim to achieve diversity within our organisation, where anyone who shares our values is welcome.

Neutrality

To preserve confidence in the Red Cross as a humanitarian organisation, the Red Cross never supports one side in a conflict. We support individual human beings.

Independence

The Red Cross is a free and independent organisation. We can work in partnership with governments or authorities, but only if the collaboration is in line with our fundamental principles.

Voluntariness

Our operation is based on voluntary service.

Unity

There is only one association in each country, and we operate in most countries.

Universality

All Red Cross associations have equal responsibility for each other. The associations have a duty to support each other, and a right to approach each other for help.