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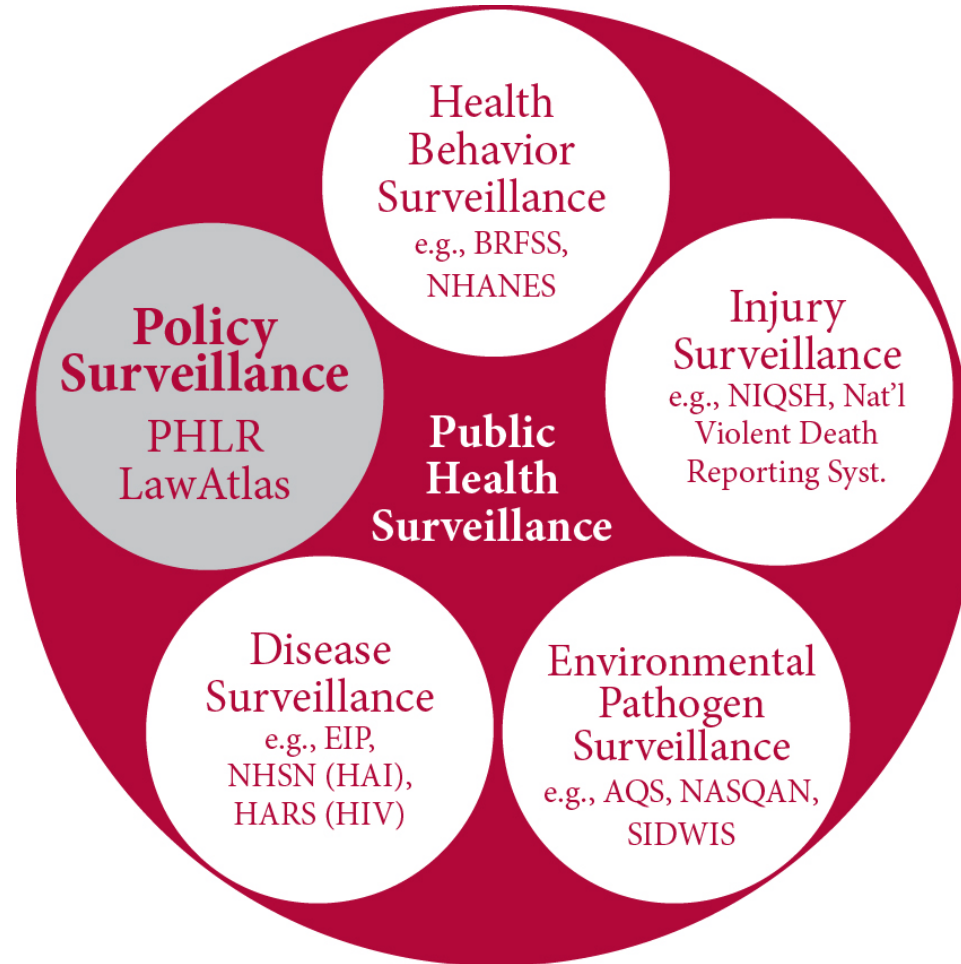
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**How many states have laws to reduce harm from sports concussions?**

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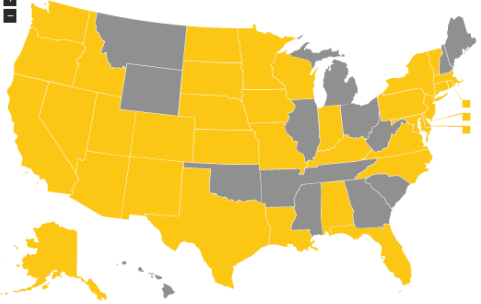
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LA Statute 43:1261.881

Legislative intent

A. Concussions are one of the most commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that as many as three million non-traumatic head injuries occur in the United States each year. A concussion is caused by a blow or motion to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. The risk for long-term, cognitive, physical, and emotional problems associated with the development of post-concussion syndrome and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, as well as the risk for catastrophic injuries or even death, is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly recognized, evaluated, and managed.

B. Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of head injury leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury and even death. The Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that, despite being generally recognized return to play standards for concussions and head injury, some affected youth athletes are prematurely returned to play resulting in actual or potential physical injury or death to youth athletes in the state of Louisiana.

C. The Legislature of Louisiana further recognizes that it is in the best interest of the state to create a uniform education, training, and return-to-play protocol to be followed throughout the state.

LA Statute 43:1261.882

Definitions

As used in this Part

(1) "Health care provider" means a physician as defined in R.S. 37:150(2), a licensed nurse practitioner, licensed physical assistant, or a licensed psychologist, which person has received training in neuropsychology or concussion evaluation and management.

(2) "Public recreation facility" means a recreation facility owned or leased by the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof.

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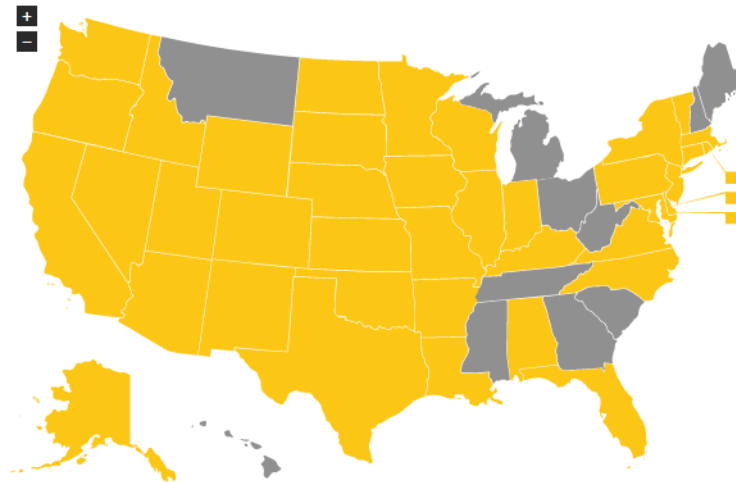
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Query where At least one of these selections apply

- Does state law address sports concussions?: Yes



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**Syringe Access Laws Report: July 2012**

When sterile syringes are hard to obtain, injection drug users are more likely to share or reuse syringes — two high-risk behaviors associated with the spread of infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS. This report summarizes key queries from the LawAtlas Syringe Access Laws Interactive Law Map. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

**Do Not Regulate Free Distribution of Syringes**

In three states (VA, TN, MS), the free distribution of syringes is unregulated under state law.

**Laws Restricting Retail Sales of Syringes**

Twenty-five states restrict retail sales of syringes by (1) requiring a prescription for purchase, (2) regulating how many syringes can be purchased at one time, (3) prohibiting purchases by minors, (4) requiring syringes to be placed in restricted areas in retail locations, (5) requiring retailers to ask for purchaser information, or (6) requiring retailers to form a prescription about the legitimacy of the sales of purchased syringes.

**Laws Explicitly Authorizing Syringe Exchange**

Syringe exchange is explicitly authorized in eleven states by state law. An 15 states authorized the distribution of starter sets.

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**Naloxone OD Prevention Laws Report: July 2012**

Unintentional drug overdose, mostly from opioids, has now overtaken motor vehicle crashes and homicide on U.S. mortality tables as a leading cause of preventable death. Administering naloxone hydrochloride ("naloxone") can reverse an opioid overdose and prevent these unintentional deaths. This report summarizes key queries from the LawAtlas Naloxone OD Prevention Laws Interactive Law Map. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

**State has a naloxone law**

Eight states have a naloxone administration law.

**Health care professionals immune from criminal prosecution**

Seven states provide immunity for licensed health care professionals from criminal prosecution for prescribing, dispensing, or distributing naloxone to a suspension.

**Health care professional immune from civil liability**

Three states provide immunity for licensed health care professionals from civil liability for prescribing, dispensing, or distributing naloxone to a suspension.

**Leprosion immune from criminal prosecution**

Seven states provide immunity for a suspension from criminal prosecution for the administration of naloxone arising from or related to the uncontrolled practice of medicine.

**Leprosion immune from civil liability**

Two states provide immunity for a suspension from civil liability as a result of the administration of naloxone.

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**Nurse Practitioners Prescribing Laws Report: July 2012**

Nurse practitioners (NPs) are essential to the delivery of health care in the United States. In some states, NPs can deliver the services for which they are trained without any involvement from a physician. In other states, NPs can only provide services in collaboration with or under the supervision of a physician. This report summarizes key queries from the LawAtlas Nurse Practitioners Laws Interactive Law Map. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

**Practice agreement with physician to obtain prescriptive authority required**

In thirty-five states a nurse practitioner must enter into a practice agreement with a physician to have prescriptive authority.

**Chart review for nurse practitioner prescribing required**

In eighteen states the law includes a chart review requirement for records associated with nurse practitioner prescribing.

**Collaboration ratio limits**

Eleven states restrict the number of nurse practitioners with whom a physician may enter into a prescriptive practice agreement.

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**Distracted Driving Laws Report: September 2012**

This report summarizes key queries from the LawAtlas Distracted Driving Laws Interactive Law Map. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

**Ban Texting**

Forty-five states have a law that bans texting for any group of drivers defined by age or driving experience.

**Ban Handheld Use**

Thirty-five states ban handheld use of mobile communication devices for oral communication for any group of drivers defined by age or driving experience.

**Ban "at use"**

Thirty states ban hands-free use of mobile communication devices for oral communication for any group of drivers defined by age or driving experience.

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**Barbiturate OD Prevention Laws Report: October 2012**

Key queries from the LawAtlas Good Samaritan OD Prevention Laws Interactive Law Map. You can see additional maps and tables by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

**Protection from prosecution for controlled substance possession**

In nine states the law provides protection from prosecution for the possession of a controlled substance for a person who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing a drug-related overdose.

**Protection from prosecution for the possession of drug paraphernalia**

Three states provide protection from prosecution for the possession of drug paraphernalia using evidence that was obtained as a result of a person seeking medical assistance for an individual experiencing a drug-related overdose.

**Affirmative defense to a criminal controlled substance sale offense**

One state provides an affirmative defense to a criminal controlled substance sale offense if a defendant sought medical assistance for an individual experiencing a drug-related overdose.

**Mitigation factor in a criminal prosecution**

In eight states the act of seeking medical assistance for an individual who is experiencing a drug-related overdose can be a mitigating factor in a criminal prosecution.

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**Sports Concussion Law**

Forty states have laws that address sports concussions.

**Removed From Play & Return To Play**

Thirteen states require removal from play of an athlete with a suspected concussion and specify return to play requirements.

**Parental Notification**

Four states require notification of parents of children with suspected or diagnosed sports concussions.

**Awareness Raising Programming**

Thirty-eight states require programming aimed at sports concussion awareness.

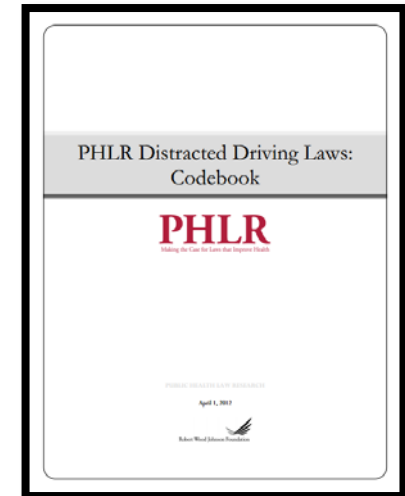
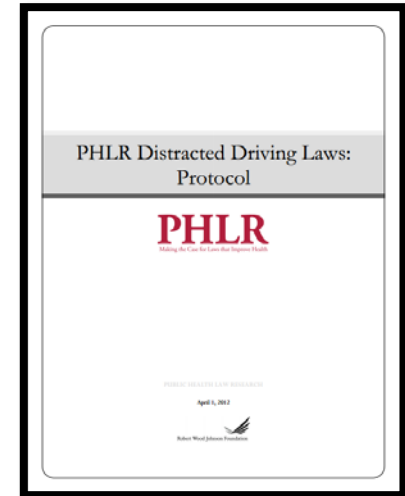


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