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Accessing the Law?
Using the law
Aim 1: To systematically collect and code all state and local laws in Nebraska that govern the authority of public health agencies.

Aim 2: To create an online policy surveillance system - interactive map, actual text, and database for Nebraska.

Aim 3: To evaluate changes in perceptions of law and the use of law by the public health workforce in Nebraska.

Aim 4: To evaluate the impact of a set of legal provisions on public health agency performance and population health.
Methods

- Scope of Laws
- Data Collection
  - Nebraska team collected laws
  - Temple team verifies
Methods

- Defining questions
- Data Coding in *Workbench* on LawAtlas.org
Bodies of Law Covered

- Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs
- Chronic Disease & Injury
- Environmental Health
- Foodborne Illness
- Structure & Governance
- Health Professions & Licensure
- Disasters & Emergencies
- Maternal Health, Children & Families
- Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Vital Statistics
- Mental & Behavioral Health
- Seniors & Aging
- Disabilities
Nebraska Public Health Laws

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NE DHHS) provides public health services to Nebraskans and promotes public health by implementing laws and regulations that address health issues, track health outcomes, and certify and license health professionals.

This section of LawAtlas tracks laws and regulations that relate to NE DHHS’s core mission. Below are links to pages that provide contextual information and texts of relevant laws and regulations on key functions of the NE DHHS. Select one of these options below for more information on the specific topic area and to access the surveillance of key public health laws and regulations.

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- Chronic Disease and Injury
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