

WEST VIRGINIA

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SCHOOLS:

AED Placement

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- *Mandates requirements by each county board of education for a cardiac emergency response plan that, at a minimum, integrates AED placement and maintenance within the school*

CPR/AED Training for staff and/or Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) and/or Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

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- *Mandates requirements by each county board of education for a cardiac emergency response plan that, at a minimum, integrates establishing a cardiac emergency response team and how to activate the team, AED placement and maintenance within the school, maintaining ongoing staff training in CPR and AED use and practicing use drills. Also mandates integrating EMS with the plan and ongoing annual review of the plan*

YOUTH SPORTS GROUPS:

AED Placement

West Virginia Code -- §127-2-15. Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

- *Mandates that each member school have an accessible AED on the grounds during the duration of all athletic events and activities.*



CPR/AED Training for coaches and/or Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) and/or Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

West Virginia Code -- § 18-5-22e – Cardiac response plans

- *States that each school with an athletic department or organized athletic program shall develop a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents that is on school grounds. It must be venue specific and practiced annually.*
- *(3)(c) mandates that prior to the start of each athletic season, a school shall hold an informational meeting regarding the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest for children of all ages and who must attend.*
- *(3)(d) no student may participate in an athletic activity until they have submitted a signed form stating that they received and reviewed the school cardiac emergency response plan*
- *(3)(e) no individual may coach an athletic activity unless they have completed annual SCA training*
- *(3)(f-g) outlines symptoms requiring removal of student from play and return to play requirements*

West Virginia Code -- §127-2-15. Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

- *Mandates that each member school adopts and submits an EAP to the county board of education. This EAP must include plan for implementation, required training for persons designated as responsible for implementation and protocols for activation of plan, beginning CPR and use of an AED and follow up after an event to determine retraining needs*

GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS:

West Virginia Code, § 16-4D-4. Limitation on liability.

- *Uses key verbiage to describe what conditions must be met for a person to not be liable for civil damages when rendering emergency medical care or treatment involving the use of an AED*

West Virginia Code -- § 18-2-25c – Defibrillator required at certain events.

- *Uses key verbiage to exempt schools, individuals, board of education or other entity from being held liable for civil damages if they attempted to comply with above requirement*

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