

RHODE ISLAND

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SCHOOLS:

AED Placement

Rhode Island General Laws -- §16-21-33.1. Relating to Education- Health and Safety of Pupils

- *Mandates that all high schools and middle schools, both public or private, will provide and maintain an AED in quantities to be adequate to ensure appropriate access during emergencies. AEDs to be clearly marked, accessible, and maintained according to guidelines.*

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

Rhode Island General Laws – §16-21-33.1 Relating to Education- Health and Safety of Pupils

- *Requires all high school and middle schools (public and private) to implement a cardiac emergency response plan starting the 2027-2028 academic year.*

YOUTH SPORTS GROUPS:

AED Placement

Rhode Island General Laws -- §16-21-33.1. Automatic External Defibrillators

- *Mandates that when a school-sponsored athletic contest is held at any location, the school administrators are responsible for ensuring the presence of at least one person who is properly trained in the use of an AED*

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

Rhode Island General Laws – §16-21-33.1 Relating to Education- Health and Safety of Pupils

- *Appropriate school staff, including coaches, be trained in CPR and AED use.*

GOOD SAMARITAN LAWS:

Rhode Island General Laws -- § 9-1-34. Administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or automated external defibrillation - Immunity from liability.

- *Uses key verbiage to describe liability for any civil damages for persons rendering emergency care, including the use of an AED.*

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