



COACHSAFELY™
ADVOCATING SPORTS INJURY PREVENTION

Coach Safely Act is Law



2017

- The 2017-18 Alabama Legislative session enacted HB9, called the Coach Safely Act.
- The law reaches beyond the High School athlete and brings coaching standards to all the 14 and under aged athletes in Alabama.
- Volunteer community coaches will now be required to take a two hour video series of injury prevention courses
- Courses are delivered online at no-cost

We are the first of our kind to create a program designed to protect our youngest athletes population that is estimated to be **seven times larger than all athletes above 14 years of age.** The program is being implemented nationwide through the leadership of the respective heads of the Alabama Department of Public Health. The law will be in effect by the 2018-19 season until implementation.

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Dr. Crow and Dr. Gifford are the authors of the book, *Sports Injury Prevention*.

- Concussions
- Heat and Exertion Illnesses
- Trauma and Overuse
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Emergency Action Plan

Implemented by:

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