South Dakota’s Rank: **6th out of 51 States** (including Washington D.C)

South Dakota’s Score: **60.58 out of 100 Points**

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**ABOUT KSI**

In the past ten years, 222 children have died from sports related injuries while participating in organized high school athletics. Some of the most common causes of death in sports are sudden cardiac arrest, exertional heat stroke, and traumatic head injury.

The Korey Stringer Institute is dedicated to preventing sudden death in sports. Recently KSI has published a study that ranked states by their health and safety policies according to best practices established by panels of experts in the field.

Our mission is to inform parents, coaches, and community members about the steps that South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) and South Dakota’s legislators have taken to protect athletes.

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**Definitions:**

AHCC (Appropriate Healthcare Coverage), EHS (Exertional Heat Stroke), EP (Emergency Preparedness), SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest), THI (Traumatic Head Injuries)

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Ranks and Scores are accurate as of June 2018
Emergency Action Plans are concrete written plans that reduce critical delays in care of catastrophic injuries.

Emergency Preparedness Policies

South Dakota and Emergency Preparedness

South Dakota scores among the nations best across almost all categories. In particular, South Dakota stands out in Appropriate Healthcare Coverage and Exertional Heat Stroke.

The place where South Dakota can benefit most from improved policies is Emergency Preparedness.

By passing policies that focus on Emergency Action Plans and Coaching Education, South Dakota can move from 6th to 2nd overall in the rankings!

Emergency Preparedness Scores Across All States

- North Carolina
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- South Dakota
- Missouri
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Maine
- Georgia
- Arkansas
- New York
- Mississippi
- West Virginia
- Oregon
- Illinois
- Tennessee
- Arizona
- Texas
- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Pennsylvania
- Florida
- New Mexico
- Alabama
- Maine
- Rhode Island
- Indiana
- Nevada
- Utah
- Ohio
- Delaware
- New Jersey
- Vermont
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Oklahoma
- Connecticut
- Maine
- South Carolina
- Michigan
- North Dakota
- Nebraska
- North Carolina
- Kansas
- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Iowa
- California
- Colorado

Policies Currently in Place for South Dakota

Policy 1E: Every school or organization that sponsors athletics should develop an EAP specifically for managing serious and/or potentially life-threatening sport-related injuries (athletics emergency action plan AEAP)

Policy 3E: Every school should distribute the AEAP to all athletics staff members

Policy 4E: The AEAP should be specific to each venue (including maps, directions, etc.)

Policy 9E: AEAP should be reviewed and rehearsed annually by all parties involved

Possible Improvements for South Dakota

Policy 2E: The AEAP should be developed and coordinated with local EMS, school public safety officials, on site medical personnel or school medical staff, and school administrators

Policy 5E: On-site emergency equipment that may be needed in an emergency situation should be listed

Policy 6E: The AEAP should identify personnel and their responsibilities to carry out the plan of action with a designated chain of command

Policy 7E: Appropriate contact information for EMS

Policy 8E: Plan should specify documentation actions that need to be taken post emergency

Policy 10E: Healthcare professionals who will provide medical coverage during games, practices, or other events should be included