



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3707.59 Educational materials regarding sudden cardiac arrest.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Athletic activity" means both of the following:

(a) An athletic activity, as defined in section 3313.5310 of the Revised Code;

(b) An athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization.

(2) "Youth athlete" and "youth sports organization" have the same meanings as in section 3707.58 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department of health and the department of education and workforce jointly shall develop and shall post on their respective internet web sites guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate students and youth athletes participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. These guidelines and materials shall address the risks associated with continuing to participate in an athletic activity after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, such as fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness, and an abnormal racing heart rate. In developing guidelines and other relevant materials under this division, the department of health and the department of education and workforce shall consult with the Ohio chapter of the American college of cardiology and with an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events.

In developing guidelines and materials under this division, the departments may utilize existing materials developed by the parent heart watch organization, the sudden arrhythmia death syndromes foundation, and any other organizations deemed appropriate by the departments.

(C) For purposes of the training required for a coach of an athletic activity under division (D) of



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section 3313.5310 or division (D) of section 3707.58 of the Revised Code, the department of health shall approve a sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by an outside entity.
