



To: Athletic and School Administrators
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Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association
Re: Athletic Trainers working in Missouri
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As you prepare for the next academic and athletic year, you may be hiring or retaining an athletic trainer (AT) to provide health care services for your school. The Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association applauds your efforts to protect the students at your school. We also remind you that ATs, like all other health care providers, **MUST** have a valid license to practice.

- 1) Section 334.704 of the Missouri Revised Statutes states that **no person shall hold himself or herself out as an athletic trainer in this state unless such person has been licensed** by the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.
- 2) Section 334.100.2 (2) (d) RSMo. states that it is a **violation of state statute to delegate professional responsibilities to a person who is not qualified by training, skill, competency, age, experience or licensure to perform such responsibilities.**
- 3) A prospective employee who is certified by the Board of Certification is **not** eligible to work as an AT without also being licensed by the Board. Certification (ATC) is important; licensure is also required.

The Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association fully supports the Boards efforts to protect the public through investigation and professional discipline of individuals practicing athletic training without a license. The only individuals exempt from the licensure statutes are athletic training students (supervised by a licensed AT) and ATs from other nations, states, or territories performing their duties for their respective teams or organizations. Be sure you to confirm that every AT employed in your school or district holds a current license to practice.

You can confirm the licensure status of an AT electronically, at <https://renew.pr.mo.gov/license-search.asp>. If an individual is not listed in this database, he or she is not licensed to practice in Missouri. A copy of the statutes, rules and regulations that govern practice as an athletic trainer can be found on at <http://pr.mo.gov/athletictrainers-rules-statutes.asp>. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts if you have any questions.

The Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association is the professional organization for athletic trainers in the state of Missouri.

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