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School is about to get out and many kids will be going to summer sports camps and families will be traveling. Your family's safety is our utmost priority and concern. Our first article applies to summer camps, but could also be good information for when our athletes go back to school late August. In the heat, hydration is extremely important, but also, be aware of Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). We are hoping to offer some valuable and interesting insight about a law called "Return to Play" as it relates to sports and recreation. It has received a lot of attention in the NFL, but it also impacts our youth. If you have children, grandchildren or nieces and nephews, we hope you will take time to read the article below.

Another helpful read is about recalls. You may have read our own Jon Corra's blog about RV tire concerns. If not, you can click on the attached link. We delve further by providing some critical information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Especially important as we get ready for summer travel. It's what you need to know about vehicle, car seat and tire recalls.

All of us at Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law wish you a wonderful summer. I know my boys are excited to enjoy their summer break. As a mother, I always worry. However, as the great poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, "All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better." So go forth, perhaps get a little out of your comfort zone and have a great summer. Of course, if you need Personal Injury advice along the way, do not hesitate to give us a call at 877.526.3457. We're your safety net.

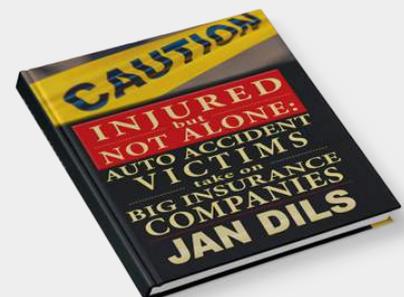
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IMPLEMENTING RETURN TO PLAY



Implementing Return to Play: Learning from the Experience of Early Implementers.

During the last decade, emergency department visits for sports and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) among youth, including concussions, increased by 62 percent. Team and contact sports such as football and ice hockey have the highest incidence of concussion, followed by soccer, wrestling, basketball, field hockey, baseball, softball, and volleyball, however concussions can also occur in individual sports such as gymnastics and diving. The risk of concussion is highest in the 15 to 19-year-old age group nationally, regardless of gender.

In May 2009, the State of Washington passed the “Zackery Lystedt Law”

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to address concussion management in youth athletics. The Washington law was the first state law to require a “removal and clearance for Return to Play” among youth athletes. Now all 50 states have a Return to Play law.

In order to assess the implementation of Return to Play laws, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) conducted a case study evaluation on the Return to Play implementation efforts in two states: Washington and Massachusetts. These two states were selected because they were both early adopters of Return to Play and because their laws varied on several important dimensions, including the role of the health department and other stakeholder groups. The evaluation was designed to assess implementation efforts, including related challenges and successes in implementation.

Return to Play laws include a variety of different components that can be complicated to implement, such as removal from play, collection of concussion histories, required training for different stakeholders, etc. Additionally, Return to Play laws do not always provide specific guidance on how each of the components of the laws should be carried out. Some laws identify a specific entity, such as a state agency, to develop regulations and other laws are less specific. As a result, implementers are sometimes required to make decisions after the law has passed that can have an impact on successful implementation. Thoroughly considering the logistics of implementation and engaging in a robust planning process can help increase the consistency and quality of implementation.



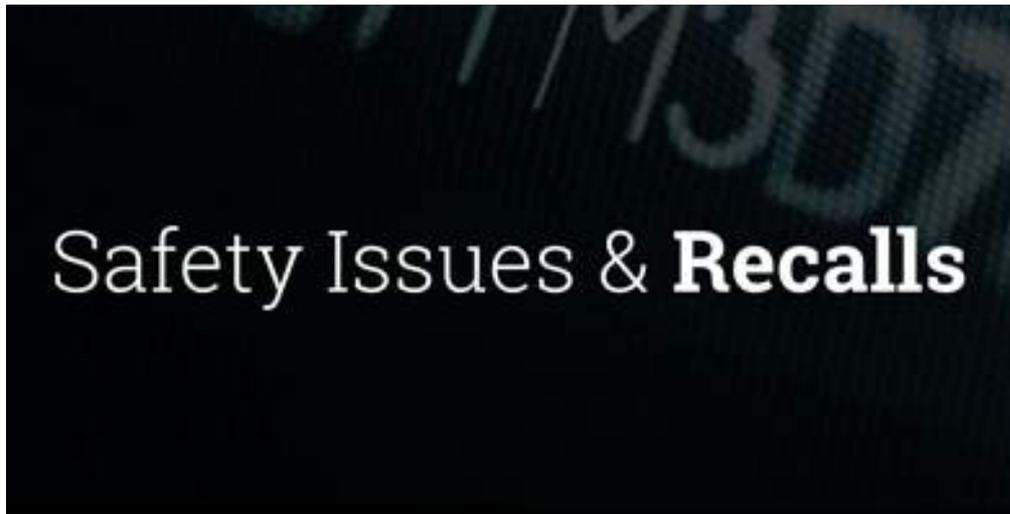
Based on the experiences of the stakeholders interviewed in Massachusetts and Washington, there are a number of key considerations for the implementation of Return to Play. The guide presents considerations, as well as lessons learned from state stakeholders and potential barriers to implementation, in the following areas:

- Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities
- Implementation Requirements
- Knowledge and Awareness
- Medical Clearance
- Supporting and Monitoring Implementation
- Planning Ahead to Evaluate the Impact of Return to Play

We love our sports. But safety of our players come first. If you have questions or concerns about the aftermath of a TBI, please do not hesitate to contact us at jandils.com.

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/policy/index.html>



One of our blog links talks about the danger of RV tires. Understanding recalls is an important issue – especially tires, car seats and vehicles. In fact, it may surprise you to know that CARFAX doesn't necessarily identify vehicle recalls.

This article provides ways to monitor and steps to take regarding high-profile recalls via the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In fact, one you may have heard a lot about is the [Takata air bag recall](#).



Here are some other steps to consider and know in a recall situation:

Reporting the problem is the important first step

Your complaint will be added to a public NHTSA database after personally identifying information is removed.

If the agency receives similar reports from a number of people about the same product, this could indicate that a safety-related defect may exist that would warrant the opening of an investigation.

The NHTSA Investigation Process

A. SCREENING

NHTSA reviews filed complaints from vehicle owners and other information related to alleged defects to decide whether to open an investigation.

B. ANALYSIS

NHTSA conducts an analysis of any petitions calling for defect investigations. If the petition is denied, the reasons for the denial are published in the Federal Register.

C. INVESTIGATION

NHTSA opens an investigation of alleged safety defects. It is closed when they notify the manufacturer of recall recommendations or they don't identify a safety-related defect.

Manufacturer action to announce and remedy the defects

A recall is issued when a manufacturer or NHTSA determines that a vehicle, equipment, car seat, or tire creates an unreasonable safety risk or fails to meet minimum safety standards. Most decisions to conduct a recall and remedy a safety defect are made voluntarily by manufacturers prior to any involvement by NHTSA.

Manufacturers are required to fix the problem by repairing it, replacing it, offering a refund, or in rare cases repurchasing the vehicle.

Using our [VIN lookup tool](#), you can access recall information provided by the manufacturer conducting the recall which may be not posted yet on NHTSA's site.



The image shows a screenshot of the NHTSA website's VIN lookup tool. At the top, the NHTSA logo is visible on the left, and navigation links for Home, Recall, Vehicle Safety, Recall Center, Complaint, Technology & Research, and About Us are on the right. Below the navigation is a dark banner with the text "Safety Issues & Recalls". The main content area features a search box labeled "Enter 17 Character VIN" with a search icon and a "CLICK TO LEARN MORE" button. Below the search box, there is a section titled "Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)" with a sub-note: "Every vehicle has a unique VIN. Enter a VIN to learn if a specific vehicle needs to be repaired as part of a recall." To the left of the text is an image of a blue car. To the right, there is a list of bullet points under the heading "What a VIN search tool does not cover":

- Vehicle safety recalls conducted by other agencies, including transportation manufacturers
- Completed safety recall information
- Manufacturer technical service or other assembly recall campaigns
- International vehicles
- Very recently announced safety recalls for which not all vehicles have been identified
- Safety recalls that are more than 10 years old (except when a manufacturer offers a recall campaign)
- Safety recalls conducted by small vehicle manufacturers, including motor vehicles, trailers, and motorcycles

Of course, Personal Injury is something the NHTSA and Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law take very seriously. Please take any notices you may receive from a manufacturer or you may hear about online or in the news very seriously. Your family's safety is at stake.

Source:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>

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