



SAFETY & HEALTH

For the last decade, sports teams have been forced to respond to unprecedented challenges *outside* the field of play involving the safety and health of their athletes and other employees. Federal legislators and various regulatory authorities have turned increasing attention to player injuries and the efforts franchises, colleges, and universities should take to ensure safety. Whether it is the lasting effects of concussions, or the immediate risk of heat exhaustion, teams must understand the necessary steps for protecting the safety and health of their athletes. Furthermore, employers are responsible for protecting the safety and health of other employees – doctors, nurses, physical therapists, and athletic trainers – under federal and state laws and regulations. Professional and collegiate sports teams must ensure they understand and are prepared to address these difficult challenges. Combining decades of experience in safety and health and sports compliance issues, the Jackson Lewis Collegiate and Professional Sports Industry Group works with organizations to establish a flexible management system adept at anticipating and managing a variety of situations involving the safety and health of athletes and other employees.

We provide high-level support to sports franchises, colleges and universities in:

- Developing and reviewing injury preparedness plans specifically targeted to the unique needs of sports teams, colleges, and universities.
- Counseling teams on emergency response obligations and plans.
- Advising professional sports franchises, colleges, and universities with regard to their legal obligations to protect the safety and health of their athletes and the employees who work alongside them.
- Developing safety and health management systems to proactively anticipate and protect employees from unique safety and health hazards affecting athletic programs.

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