

# Why You Need an Athletic Trainer for Concussion Care

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Athletic trainers receive **specific training in concussion management.**



## IMMEDIATE ACTION

Athletic trainers are typically the **first healthcare provider to evaluate the athlete for a possible concussion on the sideline.**



## OBJECTIVE TOOLSET

Athletic trainers are trained to use a variety of **objective tools** to diagnose and manage concussions: neurocognitive testing, balance testing, VOMS, clinical examination.



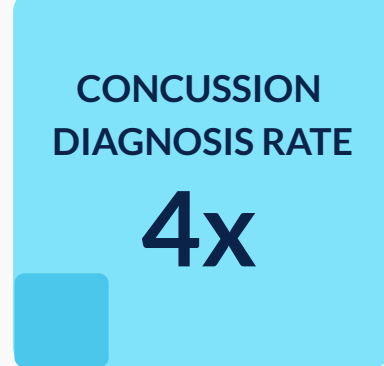
## EDUCATION

Athletic trainers provide important **concussion education to student athletes, parents, coaches and school staff.**



## STANDARD OF CARE

Schools with athletic trainers are at least **4 times more likely to recognize and diagnose concussions** than schools without them.

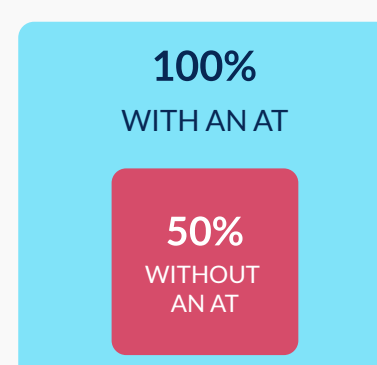


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## RELIABLE PROTOCOLS

50% of concussed athletes in high schools with low athletic trainer availability underwent a return-to-play protocol, versus **100% at schools with high athletic trainer availability.**



WENT THROUGH RETURN-TO-PLAY PROTOCOL

## CURRENT

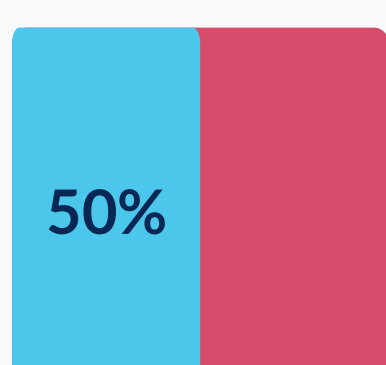
Athletic trainers complete annual continuing education to ensure they're **up to date on best practices in concussion care.**



## SAFETY

50% of schools currently have athletic training coverage; **if you don't, you're leaving athletes at risk.**

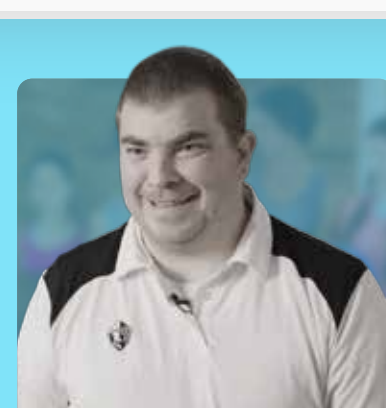
ATHLETIC TRAINER COVERAGE



SCHOOLS



**"If you can't afford an athletic trainer, you can't afford athletics."**



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