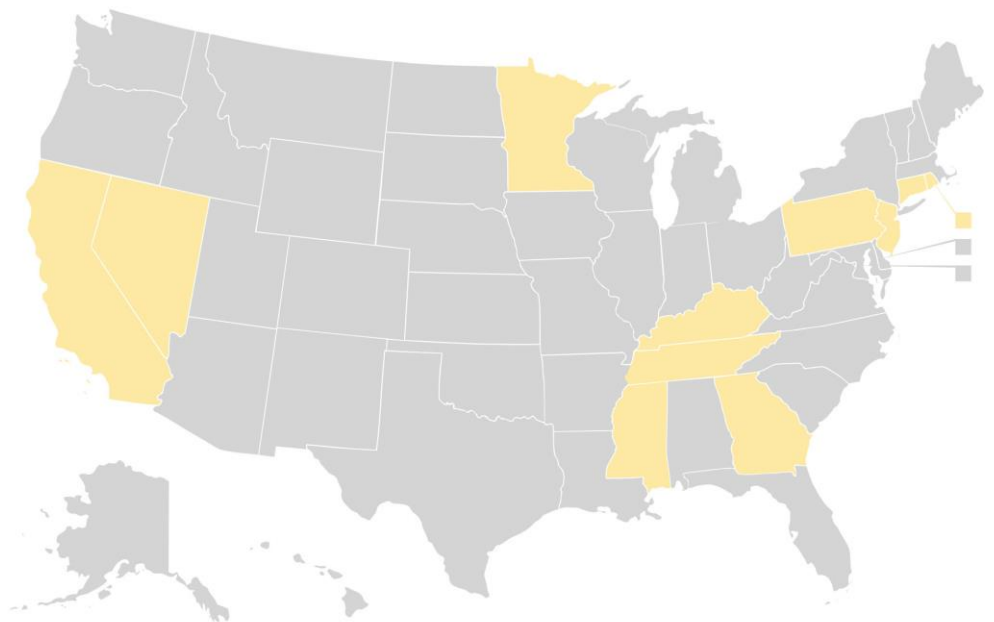


Codebook for Syringe Possession Laws

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state laws regulating syringe possession. This is a longitudinal dataset, and captures laws in effect from July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2017. The jurisdictions selected for measurements are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the “Data” button. Note that the data file contains two tabs. The “statistical” tab contains only the legal variables coded in the dataset, following the values as described in this codebook. The “summary” tab contains the legal variables coded in the dataset in text form, as well as any accompanying citations and caution notes.

There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION:

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

LEGAL TEXT:

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

Questions	
Question 1:	Does state law prohibit possession of drug paraphernalia?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	poparayn
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Has the state removed references related to syringe from the definition of drug paraphernalia?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaexyn_No
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Has the state removed references related to syringe from the definition of drug paraphernalia?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaexyn_Yes, needles, syringes, hypodermic devices
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 4:	Has the state removed references related to syringe from the definition of drug paraphernalia?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaexyn_Yes, injection or injecting
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 5:	Does the definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly exclude syringes, needles, hypodermic devices, or objects used for injecting drugs?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	poparaneyn
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 6:	Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent

	blood-borne diseases?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	poparaexcpts
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = Not defined as illegal
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = No
Question 7:	What are the exceptions?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poexcptlst_For participants in syringe exchange programs
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 8:	What are the exceptions?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poexcptlst_For people who acquire syringes from a pharmacy
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 9:	What are the exceptions?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poexcptlst_For a limited number of syringes
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 10:	What are the exceptions?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poexcptlst_For legitimate medical purposes, the prevention of disease or other similar justification
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 11:	Does state law require a prescription for adult possession of a syringe?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

Variable Name:	prescripsyr
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 12:	Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaseppartyn_Possession through syringe exchange programs
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 13:	Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaseppartyn_Possession through a pharmacy
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 14:	Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaseppartyn_Exception for limited number of syringes, needles, or hypodermic devices
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 15:	Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	poparaseppartyn_Exception for legitimate medical purposes, the prevention of disease, or other similar justification
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 16:	Does state law ban possession of controlled substances?

Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	dpyn
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 17:	Has a state court interpreted what amount would constitute a crime?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	dpjudin
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 18:	What amount constitutes a crime?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	dpjudhostams_Any
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 19:	What amount constitutes a crime?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	dpjudhostams_Measurable or Identifiable
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 20:	What amount constitutes a crime?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name:	dpjudhostams_Usable
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 21:	Is residue explicitly exempt from the ban on controlled substances?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name:	dpstatex
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes