



# STOP THE BLEED® State Legislation

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## The Issue

According to the National Institutes of Health, the average time for emergency responders to arrive on scene after a 911 call is 7 minutes. For rural and underserved areas, the wait increases to 14 to 30 minutes or longer. Victims with traumatic bleeding can die from blood loss within several minutes.

## The Solution

STOP THE BLEED® kits contain items that can dramatically reduce mortality by enabling bystanders to save lives during the crucial minutes immediately following a traumatic bleeding injury. Training for STOP THE BLEED® is supplied free to all by Department of Defense training partners, including the American College of Surgeons which has trained over 3.2 million people to date. STOP THE BLEED® training teaches participants how to safely use direct pressure, pack wounds, and place tourniquets to control life-threatening bleeding.

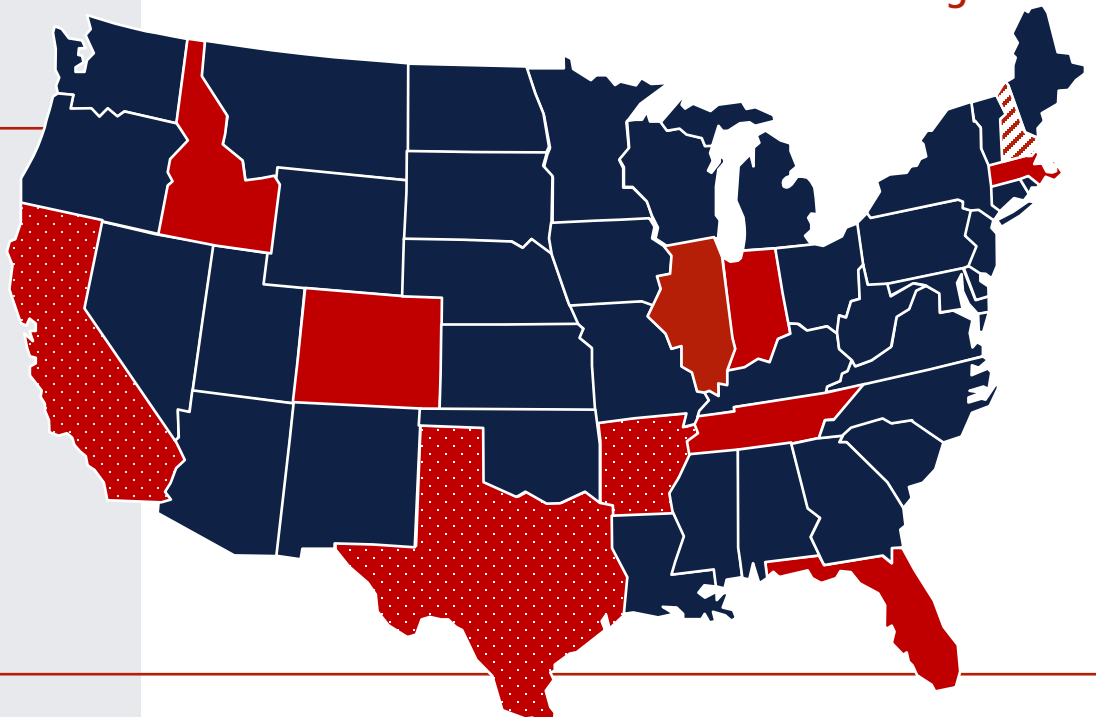
## In Your State

Currently, Wisconsin does not have STOP THE BLEED® bills in play, but the Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Surgeons is hoping to have this life-saving legislation introduced soon.

## 11 States Have Passed STOP THE BLEED® Legislation

### Map Key

-  No STB legislation
-  STB kits in schools
-  STB kits in public buildings
-  STB training for school students



## Talking Points

- Severe bleeding injuries can result from falling, vehicle crashes, farming accidents, natural disasters, gunshot wounds, sporting injuries, and more.
- Like public AEDs, providing visible, public access to **STOP THE BLEED®** kits is an effective way to allow the public to render first aid to assist victims suffering from severe bleeding injuries while waiting for emergency responders to arrive.
- Promptly controlling life threatening bleeding is essential to increasing the chances of patient survival.
- The ACS provides **STOP THE BLEED®** training for free and has trained over 3.2 million people to date.
- **STOP THE BLEED®** kits contain items not typically found in standard first aid kits and are designed to be used by most age groups.

## State Model Legislation

To be supported by the ACS, all proposed state legislation should include:

- 1 Requirements for placing **STOP THE BLEED®** kits in public places, including schools
- 2 Specifications of **STOP THE BLEED®** kit contents
- 3 Requirements concerning the use & maintenance of each **STOP THE BLEED®** kit
- 4 Immunity from civil liability in the event of using the **STOP THE BLEED®** kit (Good Samaritan Law)

For more information regarding state **STOP THE BLEED®** legislation, please contact Catherine Hendricks, State Affairs Manager, at [chendricks@facs.org](mailto:chendricks@facs.org).

Each **STOP THE BLEED®** kit must include the following supplies:



Tourniquet\*



Scissors



Compression Bandage



Gloves & Marker



Instructions\*\*



Bleeding Control Bandage

\*Developed by the **STOP THE BLEED®** national awareness campaign of the US Department of Homeland Security or the ACS Committee on Trauma

\*\*Tourniquet must be endorsed by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care