

# Codebook for Syringe Distribution Laws

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

Note that the data file contains two tabs. The “statistical” tab contains only the legal variables coded in the dataset, following the values 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 either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

### **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	
<b>Question 1:</b>	<b>Does state law prohibit the sale or distribution of drug paraphernalia?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 1:</b>	<b>sederegyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 2:</b>	<b>Does the definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly refer to syringes?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 2:</b>	<b>sederegref_No</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 3:</b>	<b>Does the definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly refer to syringes?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 3:</b>	<b>sederegref_Yes, needles, syringes, or hypodermic devices</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 4:</b>	<b>Does the definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly refer to syringes?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 4:</b>	<b>sederegref_Yes, injection or injecting</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 5:</b>	<b>Does the definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly exclude syringes, needles, hypodermic devices, or objects used for injecting drugs?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 5:</b>	<b>sederegdef</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

<b>Question 6:</b>	<b>If syringes are defined as illegal drug paraphernalia, are there exceptions to the law that would allow for the distribution of syringes to prevent blood-borne diseases?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 6:</b>	<b>sederegexcep</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = Not defined as illegal
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Value Label:	2 = No
<b>Question 7:</b>	<b>Which are the exceptions?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 7:</b>	<b>excptslst_For participants in syringe exchange programs</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 8:</b>	<b>Which are the exceptions?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 8:</b>	<b>excptslst_For people who acquire syringes from a pharmacy</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 9:</b>	<b>Which are the exceptions?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 9:</b>	<b>excptslst_For a limited number of syringes</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 10:</b>	<b>Which are the exceptions?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 10:</b>	<b>excptslst_For "legitimate medical purposes," the prevention of disease or other similar justification</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

<b>Question 11:</b>	<b>Does state law regulate the retail sale of syringes?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 11:</b>	<b>raregyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 12:</b>	<b>Does state law require a prescription for retail sales to adult purchasers in at least some instances?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 12:</b>	<b>ralimphyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 13:</b>	<b>Is there any stated number of syringes for which a prescription is not required?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 13:</b>	<b>ranlanyyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 14:</b>	<b>How many syringes may be sold without a prescription?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 14:</b>	<b>ranlrxadyn_Ten or fewer</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 15:</b>	<b>How many syringes may be sold without a prescription?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 15:</b>	<b>ranlrxadyn_Twenty or fewer</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

<b>Question 16:</b>	<b>How many syringes may be sold without a prescription?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 16:</b>	<b>ranlrxadyn_Thirty or fewer</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 17:</b>	<b>Does state law restrict the sale of syringes to pharmacies?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 17:</b>	<b>rapharmyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 18:</b>	<b>What information is the seller required to get from the buyer?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 18:</b>	<b>infobuyer_No information is required</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 19:</b>	<b>What information is the seller required to get from the buyer?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 19:</b>	<b>infobuyer_Buyer's name</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 20:</b>	<b>What information is the seller required to get from the buyer?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 20:</b>	<b>infobuyer_Buyer's address</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 21:</b>	<b>What information is the seller required to get from the buyer?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply

<b>Variable Name 21:</b>	<b>infobuyer_Buyer must verify age is over 18</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 22:</b>	<b>What information is the seller required to get from the buyer?</b>
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
<b>Variable Name 22:</b>	<b>infobuyer_Purpose of syringe</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 23:</b>	<b>Is syringe exchange explicitly authorized by state law?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 23:</b>	<b>seexpauthyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 24:</b>	<b>Is local approval a condition of syringe exchange authorization?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 24:</b>	<b>selocappyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 25:</b>	<b>Is syringe exchange limited to one-for-one exchange under state authorization?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 25:</b>	<b>seone4oneyn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
<b>Question 26:</b>	<b>Does state law authorize the distribution of starter sets?</b>
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
<b>Variable Name 26:</b>	<b>sestarteryn</b>
Variable Values:	0, 1

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