

**Wisconsin  
Public Health Statutes  
And  
Administrative Rules**


 Department of Health Services  
 Division of Public Health (DPH)  
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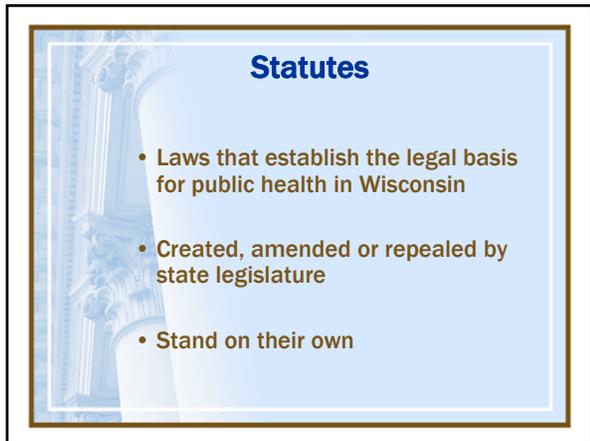
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**Statutes**

- Laws that establish the legal basis for public health in Wisconsin
- Created, amended or repealed by state legislature
- Stand on their own

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**Administrative Rules**

- Must be authorized by statute
- Provide further explanation and additional rules to the statutes
- Facilitate administration and enforcement of statutes
- Have the effect of law

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**Why are they important?**

- Provide guidance/direction
- Provide authority
- Provide assurance

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**Wis. Stat. ch. 251 :  
Local Health Officials**

- LHDs, levels of service, jurisdiction, joint services, how financed
- Boards of health members, powers, duties
- Health officer qualifications and duties
- Gives the DHS rule making authority

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**Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 140:  
Required Services**

- Promulgated under the authority of Wis. Stat. §251.20

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**Mandatory Directive**

§ 250.03 “Public Health System” (1)  
The Department (DHS) **SHALL**:

- (a) Maintain a public health system in cooperation with...(many partners)
- (b) Serve as the state lead agency for public health

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**Permissive Authority**

§ 250.04 (7) The department **MAY** .....

- promulgate and enforce rules and issue and enforce orders governing the duties of all local health officers and local boards of health

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**Resources**

WI State Legislature: [www.legis.state.wi.us](http://www.legis.state.wi.us)

WI State Statutes:  
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/prefaces/toc>

WI Administrative Code:  
[http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code)

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**Resources**

**Administrative Rules Rulemaking**  
<https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>

**Department of Health Services:**  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rules/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rules/index.htm)

**Network for Public Health Law:**  
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**CDC's Public Health Law Program:**  
[www.cdc.gov/phlp](http://www.cdc.gov/phlp)

**Corporation Counsel**

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