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The updated [NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist](#) for 2017 is now available.

Created as part of the Division I Concussion Protocol Review Process, the checklist is a resource to help athletics departments in all divisions ensure they are in compliance with a written concussion safety protocol. The checklist has been updated and approved by the NCAA Division I Concussion Safety Protocol Committee, after undergoing revisions for the first time since it was created in 2015. The updated checklist, contains two new components found in the "Recognition and Diagnosis of Concussion" section on page four.

To access the updated NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist, [click here](#).

The checklist is based on the [Interassociation Consensus: Diagnosis and Management of Sport-Related Concussion Best Practices](#), released in January 2017 by the Sport Science Institute and the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. These best practices serve as an update from the 2014 guidance and include additional recommendations for the management of return to activity following a concussion.

The SSI encourages all member schools, including Division II and Division III schools not participating in the concussion protocol review process, to utilize the concussion safety checklist and best practices as resources when evaluating institutional management plans. Examples of previously approved protocols for Division I Autonomy institutions [can be found here](#). This page will be updated with protocols for Autonomy institutions for the 2017-18 academic year following the completion of this year's cycle of reviews in July.

Thank you for your partnership on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding the concussion safety protocol checklist, please contact the SSI at ssi@ncaa.org.