



WTHR-TV "Ball Tapping" Survey

Results represent responses from 163 Indiana school nurses who completed the survey from November 5-20, 2009. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding fractions to a whole number.

The term "ball tapping" refers to the intentional act of hitting or kicking a male in his genital area. It can be done as an act of aggression/bullying intended to harm or intimidate, or in a more playful manner intended as a game or prank. Have you ever seen or heard of ball tapping taking place at your school?

	YES	NO	Not Sure
Elementary	23%	71%	6%
Middle School	62%	31%	7%
High School	43%	47%	10%
Other (K-12)	40%	45%	15%
Total	37%	53%	10%

Are you aware of any ball tapping incidents involving students at your school in the past 12 months?

	YES	NO
Elementary	18%	82%
Middle School	58%	42%
High School	43%	57%
Other (such as K-12)	40%	60%
Total	34%	66%

Based upon your knowledge and/or observation, how would you best describe the incidents of ball tapping that have taken place at your school?

Act of aggression or bullying intended to harm	5%
Act of play intended as a game or prank	32%
Both (act of aggression and act of play)	47%
I'm not sure	16%

Based upon your knowledge and/or observation, how frequently do incidents of ball tapping occur at your school?

Never	63%
Once or twice per school year	15%
Several times per school year	18%
Monthly	3%
Weekly	5%
Daily	1%

Based upon your knowledge and/or observation, has a student at your school sought assistance from the school nurse after an incident of ball tapping?

	Yes	NO	Not Sure
Elementary	14%	85%	1%
Middle School	65%	35%	0%
High School	44%	56%	0%
Other (such as K-12)	35%	60%	5%
Total	33%	65%	2%

Based upon your knowledge and/or observation, how frequently does a student visit the school clinic seeking assistance related to an incident of ball tapping?

Never	72%
Once or twice per school year	20%
Several times per school year	9%
Monthly	1%
Weekly	2%
Daily	0%

As a school nurse, have you ever recommended a student seek additional medical care due to an injury suffered as a result of ball tapping?

Yes	17%
No	83%

Had you ever heard of ball tapping before taking this survey or watching a recent TV report on the topic?

Yes	46%
No	52%
I'm not sure	2%

At which type of school do you work?

Elementary School	41%
Middle School	17%
High School	29%
Other (such as K-12)	13%