



Workplace Violence Against Healthcare Providers

Policy Statement

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) affirms the position that acts of violence against physicians, learners, staff and healthcare workers should be prosecuted criminally as a felony across all states, territories, provinces, where osteopathic physicians practice.

The AOA supports legislation in line with the position that acts of violence against physicians, learners, staff and healthcare workers should be prosecuted criminally as a felony across all jurisdictions where osteopathic physicians practice.

The AOA will oppose stigmatizing physicians, learners, staff and healthcare workers who speak out against workplace violence in the healthcare environment.

The AOA acknowledge that the threat against physician well being, in the form of workplace violence, is a threat against the healthcare system, and therefore society as a whole.

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