



Position Statement on Stand Your Ground Laws

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- 1. The American College of Physicians opposes stand your ground laws and calls for the repeal of stand your ground statutes.**
- 2. The American College of Physicians recommends that public safety and health be central considerations in the development and evaluation of all self-defense laws.**
- 3. The American College of Physicians calls for additional research to better understand the short- and long-term health consequences of stand your ground laws, including their impact on violence, community safety, and disparities in legal outcomes.**