

## **AORN Position Statement on Criminalization of Human Errors in the Perioperative Setting.**

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Categorizing human error as a [criminal act](#) can deter [reporting](#) required to learn from incidents and improve practice. This position statement articulates the importance of avoiding this approach for unintentional [perioperative nursing errors](#) to ensure the [open communication](#) needed to support the safety of clinicians, organizations, and patients.