

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-3C-14d

§61-3C-14d. Prohibiting public disclosure of personal information on the internet; penalties.

(a) For purposes of this section:

"Health care worker" means a person who is an employee of a health care entity, a subcontractor, or independent contractor for a health care entity, or an employee of the subcontractor or independent contractor. The term includes, but is not limited to, a nurse, nurse's aide, laboratory technician, physician, intern, resident, physician assistant, physical therapist, any other person who provides direct patient care, first responder, or any person serving in a governance capacity of a health care entity;

"Immediate family" means a health care worker's spouse, child, or parent or any other relative who lives in the same residence as the health care worker;

"Personal information" means the home address, home telephone number, personal mobile telephone number, pager number, personal e-mail address, or a personal photograph or video of a health care worker; directions to the home of a health care worker; or photographs or videos of the home or personal vehicle of a health care worker or the immediate family of a health care worker.

(b) A person who knowingly, willfully, and intentionally makes the personal information of a health care worker, or a health care worker's immediate family, publicly available on the internet:

(1) With the intent to threaten, intimidate, or incite the commission of a crime of violence against that person; or

(2) With the intent and knowledge that the personal information will be used to threaten, intimidate, or facilitate the commission of a crime of violence against that person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500 or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined. For a second or subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or confined in jail for not more than one year, or both fined and confined.