

**RCW 49.19.010 Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Health care setting" means:

(a) Hospitals as defined in RCW 70.41.020;

(b) Home health, hospice, and home care agencies under chapter 70.127 RCW, subject to RCW 49.19.070;

(c) Evaluation and treatment facilities as defined in RCW 71.05.020;

(d) Behavioral health programs as defined in RCW 71.24.025; and

(e) Ambulatory surgical facilities as defined in RCW 70.230.010.

(2) "Department" means the department of labor and industries.

(3) "Employee" means an employee as defined in RCW 49.17.020.

(4) "Workplace violence," "violence," or "violent act" means any physical assault or verbal threat of physical assault against an employee of a health care setting on the property of the health care setting. "Workplace violence," "violence," or "violent act" includes any physical assault or verbal threat of physical assault involving the use of a weapon, including a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010, or a common object used as a weapon, regardless of whether the use of a weapon resulted in an injury. [2019 c 430 s 1. Prior: 2007 c 414 s 3; 2007 c 375 s 10; 2000 c 94 s 18; 1999 c 377 s 2.]

**Effective date—2019 c 430:** "This act takes effect January 1, 2020." [2019 c 430 s 5.]

**Findings—Purpose—Construction—Severability—2007 c 375:** See notes following RCW 10.31.110.