

Ohio's stand your ground law took effect on April 6, 2021. The use of deadly force in self-defense by Ohioans will be justified under the following circumstances: The person is not the aggressor. The person believes they are in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm.

Generally, "stand your ground" laws allow people to respond to threats or force without fear of criminal prosecution.

It can be anywhere where you may be approached, anywhere where you may feel that fear that you or someone else is facing great bodily harm or death.

Previously, the defense had to prove someone was acting in self-defense. Now, it's up to the state to prove that it wasn't.