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Origin story

At one time the Buddha was staying at Sāvatthī in the Jeta Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's Monastery. At that time the monks from the group of six gave teachings to people holding staffs. …

Final ruling

"'I will not give a teaching to anyone holding a staff who is not sick,' this is how you should train."

Definitions

A staff: a stick measuring 1.6 meters. What is longer than that is not a staff, nor what is shorter.

One should not give a teaching to anyone holding a staff who is not sick. If a monk out, of disrespect, gives a teaching to someone holding a staff who is not sick, he commits an offense of wrong conduct.

Non-offenses

There is no offense: if it is unintentional; if he is not mindful; if he does not know; if he is sick; if there is an emergency; if he is insane; if he is the first offender.

The eighth training rule is finished.