

# Violence in Healthcare NEWSLETTER



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The concern for workplace violence in healthcare continues to be addressed in the news and by various organizations around the country. Increasingly, Federal and state governments are taking notice and have become more involved in highlighting this important issue through awareness, education and enforcement of workplace safety laws.

The attached articles are stories of interest that appeared in news services during the month of **November, 2016**. While all of the links have been checked, we cannot guarantee they will be active at the time you might choose to review the story.

We appreciate your concern for this important topic and for the safety of your patients, visitors and coworkers.



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### [California OSHA Sets the Bar By Adopting the Strongest \*\*Workplace Violence\*\* Prevention Standard ...](#)

Lexology (registration)

First, federal OSHA currently has no specific standard governing **workplace violence**, and it is the first time that a state OSHA agency has adopted a ...

[CA Nears Adoption of New \*\*Workplace Violence\*\* Regulations for Health Care Employers, Home ...](#) - JD Supra (press release)

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### [These workers are the most likely to be hurt on the job](#)

CBS News

**Workplace violence** is growing increasingly commonplace, and it hits women workers far more than men, according to an April AFL-CIO report. It found ...

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### [Man \*\*shot\*\* and killed after threatening staff at Chambersburg Hospital with knife](#)

Herald-Mail Media

A man was **shot** and killed Thursday morning by law-enforcement officials at ... Authorities cordoned off the area **inside** the **hospital** where the **shooting** ...

[PSP: Police \*\*shoot\*\*, kill knife-wielding \*\*hospital\*\* patient](#) - York Dispatch

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### [Hospitals boost security to protect patients, staff](#)

Chambersburg Public Opinion

The greatest number of assaults, where the assailant becomes **violent** while being ... **Hospital** employees followed the protocol on Thursday, she said.

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### [New Program Launched to Prevent \*\*Workplace Violence\*\*](#)

Pentagram

The National Capital Region Medical Directorate (NCR MD) launched a new program to prevent **workplace violence** Oct. 20. The **Workplace Violence** ...

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### [What happens when healthcare providers get beaten up](#)

Star2.com

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines **workplace violence** as “incidents where staff are abused, threatened or assaulted in circumstances ...

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### [Hospitals Look to Prevention for Better Security](#)

Hospitals & Health Networks

Seventy-eight percent conduct a physical facilities security assessment at least annually, while 97 percent have **workplace violence** policies, and 95 ...

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### [EMT association releases tool for reporting near misses, \*\*workplace violence\*\*](#)

Safety+Health magazine

The EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool, or E.V.E.N.T., allows EMS workers to anonymously report incidents involving near misses, **violence** and ...

### [Man shot outside MetroHealth Medical Center](#)

cleveland.com

He fired several **shots**, then ran back across the street, she said. ... Two patients **inside** the hospital at the time— Cynthia Wier and Darby Bailey— both ...

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### [6 hostages stabbed at Munhall mental health facility before police shoot suspect](#)

WTAE Pittsburgh

Six people were taken to Pittsburgh **hospitals** after being held hostage and **stabbed inside** a mental health facility -- a situation that ended after the ...

[Multiple People Stabbed At Homestead Mental Health Facility](#) - CBS Local

[6 stabbed inside Pittsburgh-area mental health facility; suspect shot](#) - WPXI Pittsburgh

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### [OSHA launches four more investigations at Arbour psychiatric hospitals](#)

The Eye

A year ago OSHA flagged the high number of workers assaulted by **violent** patients in a “hazard alert” letter issued to Pembroke **Hospital** that called for ...

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cleveland.com

Police have not yet released any additional information on the **shooting**. ... Two patients **inside** the **hospital** at the time— Cynthia Wier and Darby ...

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### [GAO: Protecting healthcare workers from violence should be priority for new administration](#)

McKnight's Senior Living

Protecting healthcare workers, including those employed in residential care settings, from **workplace violence** should be a priority for the new ...

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### [Police capture gunman accused of opening fire inside Cobb Co. health facility](#)

WSB Atlanta

COBB COUNTY, Ga. - One employee was wounded during a **shooting inside** a private **hospital** in Smyrna Wednesday. Police say when the **shooter** ...

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### [Workplace safety measures are a must for nurses](#)

Nurse.com (blog)

Workplace safety measures are a must for nurses ... patient and resident handling; **workplace violence**; blood-borne pathogens; tuberculosis; and slips ...

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### [New data shows high rates of violence against nurses](#)

SFGate (blog)

The latest U.S. Labor Department data shows that nurses are attacked at over 3 ½ times the average national rate of **occupational violence**. Assaults ...

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["Workplace Safety and Health: Additional Efforts Needed to Help Protect" by Andrew Sherrill](#)

DigitalCommons@ILR - Cornell University

[Excerpt] **Workplace violence** is a serious concern for the approximately 15 million health care workers in the United States. OSHA is the federal ...

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[Workplace Violence](#)

Joint Commission

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, attacks on health care workers account for almost 70% of all nonfatal ...

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[Alameda: Man, 85, shoots woman in nursing...](#)

East Bay Times

An 85-year-old man **shot** a woman, also 85, **inside** Crown Bay Nursing ... The suspected **shooter** is currently under guard at Highland **Hospital**.

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[Suspect dead after stabbing and officer involved shooting](#)

WBBJ-TV

UPDATE: Suspect dead after **stabbing** and officer involved **shooting** ... "A medical professional **inside** pathways was being **stabbed** when officers ... Investigators said both Pathways and Jackson-Madison General **Hospital** were ...

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[Cops: Riverhead man fired shots outside Southside Hospital Saturday morning](#)

RiverheadLOCAL

At the time Gamble fired the **shots** outside Southside **Hospital**, his twin brother, Charles Gamble of East Quogue, was **inside** the **hospital** being treated ...

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[Pennsylvania Employer Cited after Worker Attacked](#)

WorkersCompensation.com (press release) (blog)

OSHA cited the company for one willful violation related to employee exposure to **workplace violence**, including physical and sexual assault.