

Workplace Violence in Emergency Departments

Prevalence of Workplace Violence in Health Care/Emergency Departments

Health care workers account for



of violence-related injuries requiring missed work days.

higher for hospital workers
than for all other private sector
workers in the U.S.¹



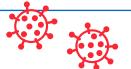


ED workers are exposed to **significant rates** of **physical** and **verbal abuse**. Under-reporting of workplace violence in the ED is common and contributes to the difficulty in accurately tracking violence.^{3,4}





Approximately 41 percent of hospital RNs reported an increase in workplace violence in the Fall of 2022.⁵



Impact of Workplace Violence on Nurses, Patients and U.S. Health Care System

Emergency nurses are more likely to experience **acute stress** than other nurses.



of emergency nurses reported they had considered **leaving** the profession **due to workplace violence**.⁶

The estimated cost of workplace violence in health care is



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