Prevalence of Workplace Violence in Health Care/Emergency Departments

Health care workers account for 73% of violence-related injuries requiring missed work days.¹

In 2018, the rate of serious injuries related to workplace violence was 6x higher for hospital workers than for all other private sector workers in the U.S.²

Studies show that emergency nurses and other personnel in the ED experience a violent event about once every 2 months.²

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

From 2011–2018, the rate of nonfatal workplace violence against health care workers grew by 63%.¹

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.¹/³

¹/³ 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 $4.2 billion annually.⁷