

Workplace Violence in Emergency Departments

Prevalence of Workplace Violence in Health Care/Emergency Departments



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}

Between 2019 and 2023, reported assaults against nurses increased **65%**⁵

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



The estimated **cost of workplace violence** in health care is **\$4.2 billion** annually.⁷



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