

## HEALING SPACES AND HIGH-RISK ZONES:

# Securing America's Hospitals

## Hospitals are more than healthcare centers:

they're 24/7 environments full of vulnerable patients, high-stakes decisions, expensive equipment, and frontline workers facing enormous pressure. They employ millions of people, treat emergencies day and night, and operate on tight margins. Of the [6,120 hospitals in the U.S.](#)<sup>1</sup>, 84% are open to the public—which means while the mission is medical, the threats are very real. Vandalism, theft, assaults, loitering, drug activity, and unauthorized access occur at hospitals every day.

With so much happening at once, hospitals face unique security challenges that require flexible, proactive solutions. From emergency entrances to distant parking lots to active construction zones, traditional security systems—fixed

cameras, static guards, siloed VMS platforms—are no longer enough.

In an industry built on care, safety can't be an afterthought. Patients, providers, and staff deserve more than just protection: they deserve unconditional peace of mind.

## HOSPITALS ARE ATTRACTIVE TARGETS

Hospitals and medical centers face unique challenges when it comes to physical security. Visitors come and go. Emergency rooms are unpredictable. Employees arrive in the dark before dawn and leave after midnight. Many staff parking lots are poorly lit, unmonitored, and can be located far from the main facility.

Criminals take advantage of the heavy foot and vehicle traffic, blending in before striking. Parking lots become hotspots for break-ins and theft. While inside, tense moments



at entrances and ER waiting rooms can escalate quickly if not closely monitored. U.S. hospitals report an average violent crime rate of [1.9 incidents per 100 beds<sup>2</sup>](#), with aggravated assaults accounting for 78% of these incidents.

## SITTING DUCKS

Hospital parking facilities are [prime for crime](#)—especially when visibility is poor. Employees often work late into the night and park far from the main building. But staff shouldn't have to worry about walking to their cars at 2 AM.

Some hospitals have resorted to installing panic buttons or increasing patrols, but these efforts are reactive, labor-intensive, and ultimately ineffective.

From trespassing and robbery to drug activity and property crime, parking lots are too often a blind spot. And when incidents occur, they create ripple effects—lower employee morale, increased liability concerns, and a decrease in patient satisfaction scores.

Adding a couple of lights or putting up “Security Cameras in Use” signs isn't enough. Hospitals need eyes, deterrents, and real-time responses.

### The LVT Solution:

LVT's solar-powered, cellular-connected mobile units provide [360° surveillance coverage](#) and come equipped with [agentic AI](#), night vision, strobe lights, and audio talk down. Units can be placed exactly where they are needed most, even in remote areas with no existing infrastructure.



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Security teams have access to [video feeds in real time](#) from any device. The presence of LVT Units alone deters loitering and theft, while providing a greater feeling of safety for staff and visitors.

## WAITING IN THE WINGS

Many hospitals are expanding—building new wings, emergency centers, or parking garages. But they don't appear overnight. [Constructing new spaces can take years<sup>3</sup>](#) from initial planning to patient occupancy. That's a long time to have active construction zones exposed to bad actors.

Consequently, these zones pose major security risks. Equipment and materials are often left unattended outside after hours and fencing doesn't stop determined people. Copper wire and expensive tools are a big target, and if an opportunistic thief strikes, it leads to costly delays and serious liability.

As a result, unauthorized access becomes a major concern, especially when construction sites border operating patient areas.

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### The LVT Solution:

LVT Units can be rapidly deployed on any construction site—[no power or internet required](#). That means hospitals can immediately place them where they're needed most. With [motion-triggered cameras and AI-enhanced alerts](#), these



units are designed to deter crime before it starts and capture actionable footage when incidents occur.

With LVT, hospital security teams can monitor all areas of campus from a centralized platform. [Real-time alerts](#) escalate suspicious activity and help staff respond faster. Users can easily review footage or engage live with intruders via loudspeaker.

Because LVT Units are mobile, they can move with the job site, covering new vulnerabilities as construction progresses.

## HIGH DRAMA

There's a reason hospital-based shows make for great TV. ERs are unpredictable. Tempers run high. Patients arrive in crisis. Family members are anxious, upset, or outright angry. Staff have to move fast, making critical decisions while also staying alert to their surroundings. Every second counts, and there's no room for guesswork when safety is on the line.

Security challenges in hospitals are unpredictable. A tense conversation with a family member can turn into a shouting match. A mental health crisis can escalate without warning. Some individuals simply refuse to leave, creating disruptions that pull staff away from patient care. These moments can quickly spiral if not handled in real time.

Crowds are another wildcard. During trauma incidents or mass casualty events, entrances can become congested with people desperate for information or demanding access. Without the right visibility and control, these situations put patients, staff, and visitors at risk. Hospitals need security tools that can adapt on the fly, respond instantly, and eliminate blind spots because in the ER, there's no such thing as "wait and see."

### The LVT Solution:

LVT Units create safer access points for patients and visitors. Their visible presence reassures families and staff, while mobile coverage fills in gaps between existing infrastructure. Real-time alerts can [flag unusual activity](#), such as someone loitering near an entrance or exiting a restricted zone.

LVT systems also help validate incident reports with [HD footage](#), aiding internal investigations and protecting staff against false claims.

## EVERY CORNER COVERED

Unlike traditional surveillance systems that are fixed, expensive to install, and limited in scope, LVT gives you the flexibility to cover every corner of your property—no trenching, wiring, or permits required.

Our cloud-based platform allows you to monitor every camera from any device. This flexibility means you can strengthen your security without disrupting daily operations. Whether you're expanding, renovating, or simply trying to cover more ground, LVT helps you respond faster, act smarter, and prevent incidents before they escalate.

## WHY HOSPITALS CHOOSE LVT

Hospitals across the country are turning to LVT for a fresh approach to safety. Our technology is trusted by organizations that refuse to compromise when it comes to security, patient trust, or employee well-being.

The results speak for themselves: improved safety among staff and visitors, faster response times to incidents, and the ability to escalate situations in real time. LVT's visible deterrence reduces the risk of property loss and liability, helping you safeguard both people and assets while keeping operations running smoothly—day and night.

**Let us help you save the people  
who save everyone else.**

Increase safety and visibility  
at your hospital or healthcare  
campus by [scheduling a live  
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