# VIOLENCE IN THE

### **PRE-TEST**

- 1. Select from below which are types of violence:
  - a) Physical
  - b) Verbal
  - c) Psychological
  - d) All of the above
  - e) None of the above
- 2. What are reportable incidents?
  - a) Only serious ones
  - b) Any acts or threats
  - c)

#### PRE

#### **PRE-TEST**

3. To help prevent acts of violence, it is a good idea to always be aware of your surroundings. (True

## DEFINITIONS

#### Violence:

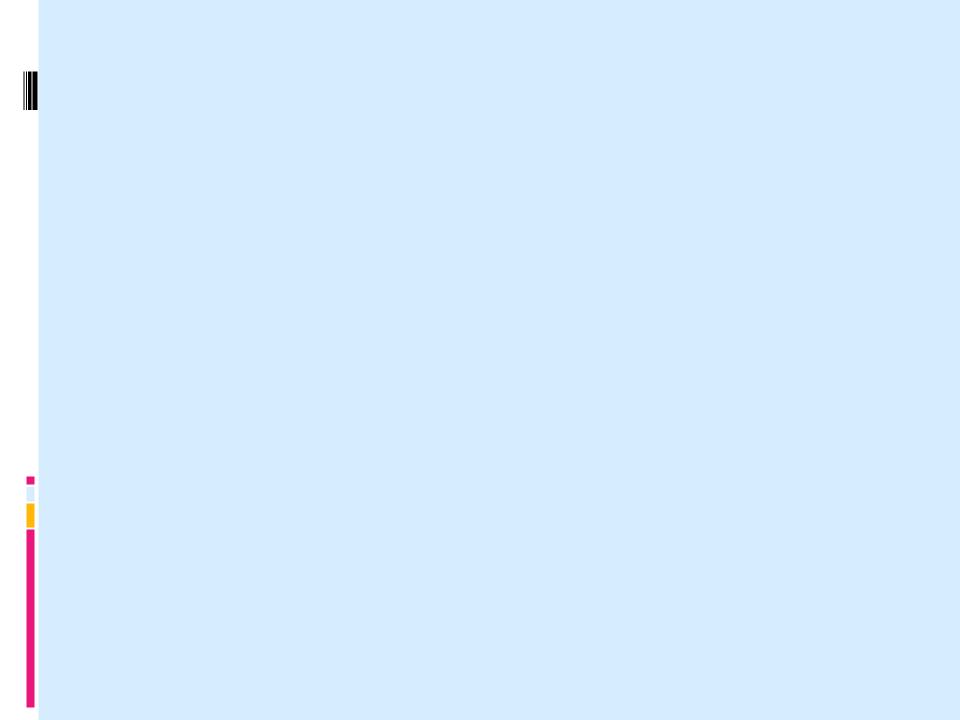
Any verbal, physical, or psychological threat or assault on an individual that has the intention or results in physical and/or psychological damage

## DEFINITIONS 7C BHINS

Workplace:

<u>Any location</u> where the employee is, due to job requirements Your location is your worksite

when out on business



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# MORE BACKGROUND

Reportable act-Any violence, threat or other aggressive behavior They must all be reported

# POTENTIAL SOURCES

By strangers or vendors

By co-workers

By students or clients

By relatives

# EFFECTS

- Physical injuries eventually heal How does it effect you emotionally? Can you do your work as well, can you concentrate? Interruption in business-how long before you return to normal? How do employees feel back in the office? Standard is about one year before feeling
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## ADDITIONAL EFFECTS

Increased costs due to:

# RISK FACTORS

I solated work areas Remote locations: on campus or in a building High-risk environments Office, campus, or building

# RISK FACTORS cont'd

Solo work (e.g., night class instruction or working late hrs.) No means of communication Cell reception? Is there a receptionist?

# RISK FACTORS cont'd

Financial responsibilities Do you make deposits? Nature of service or responsibility 8c ghi XYbhgÑ[fUXYg XYhYfa]bY financial assistance?

# RISK FACTORS cont'd

# SAFETY TIPS

DO:

## What's wrong with this picture?

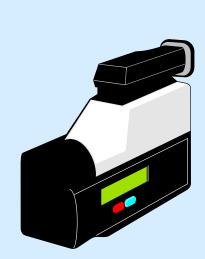


### Previous Picture:

Your back is to the door. One way in, one way out.

Do you have an office like this? What if someone had a bad performance evaluation in here.

What could you do differently? Move the meeting, rearrange the office? What if this was an office where you interviewed people all the time? DO:



Secure your workplace daily Move your vehicle closer or under a light if working late Escort all visitors/vendors in the workplace

SAFFTY TIPS

# SAFETY TIPS DO:

- Maintain the ability to communicate
- Report all incidents (threats or acts)
- Inform management of restraining orders Train all employees

# PERSONALITY TRAITS

Feelings of rejectionResists changeFeelings of being picked onEasily frustrated

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR. . .

Obsessive behavior Increased absenteeism Chemical dependency Verbal threats or threatening actions History of discipline problems

## WHAT ELSE TO LOOK FOR. . .

**Depression & isolation** Defensiveness Emotional outbursts Interests in weapons Self-destructive behavior Affiliation with gangs

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Do NOT get physical 2. Do NOT over-react 3. Do NOT take the challenge (if someone is picking a fight) 4. Be a good listener 5. Know what is really being said MORE THINGS TO REMEMBER

6. Give them space 7. Watch what you say non-verbally 8. Reference self-interest 9. Speak of consequences NOT threats

# STRATEGY

### Form an assessment team GYWfY'U'Wcdm'cZ'I @A Ñg'

Provide this training for all employees

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# You Play a Role!!!

Recognize warning signs Stay in control **Collect** information Report all incidents Train all employees

Low self esteem Low productivity Low impulse control Lacks empathy Social withdrawal Feelings of rejection Resists change Feelings of being rejected Easily frustrated. Challenges authority

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