

Appendix D-7: Work Setting and Client Risk Factors Checklist (OSACH 2006)

This tool can be used to help identify the risk factors that affect your workplace. Check off each risk factor that is relevant to your workplace.

Check applicable boxes

Summarize your comments in the space provided

1. What characteristics of the worker's occupation might increase risk?

Note: The risk of violence is higher if the worker's occupation involves physical contact with patients or clients, particularly if the contact is frequent or prolonged. Increased risk is associated with:

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| Working in an emergency, psychiatric or extended-care unit | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Dealing with the public (social work, nursing, human resources, reception) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Dispensing drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Delivering social services | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Handling cash | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Working alone (or in a small group), at night, or during early morning hours | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Performing public health or security functions | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Comments:

a) What aspects of the workplace environment might increase the risk of violence?

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| Working alone or in remote locations | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Working in the community in areas with high crime rates and/or gang-related problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Clinic staff who stay behind after regular office hours, or use weekends to catch up on work | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Needle-exchange workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Social workers, home support workers, nurses and other health care providers who travel by car, bus or on foot between clients' homes

Yes No

Night-shift health care workers who work alone

Yes No

Interconnected buildings and shared premises that may allow members of the public uncontrolled access to, or increased movement between, facilities

Yes No

Care areas such as emergency, critical care or pediatric wards, which tend to be very stressful for the patient or client and family members

Yes No

Areas with public waiting areas (lobbies, emergency departments and ambulatory clinics) where long waiting periods and crowded conditions can contribute to the incidence of disagreements or brawls

Yes No

Other (specify)

