

# 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:*

Working in an emergency, psychiatric or extended-care unit  Yes  No

Dealing with the public (social work, nursing, human resources, reception)  Yes  No

Dispensing drugs  Yes  No

Delivering social services  Yes  No

Handling cash  Yes  No

Working alone (or in a small group), at night, or during early morning hours  Yes  No

Performing public health or security functions  Yes  No

*Comments:*

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

Working alone or in remote locations  Yes  No

Working in the community in areas with high crime rates and/or gang-related problems  Yes  No

Clinic staff who stay behind after regular office hours, or use weekends to catch up on work  Yes  No

Needle-exchange workers  Yes  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)*

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