

DEVELOPING A WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

In addition to treating violent patients, hospitals routinely treat victims of violence. Through use of screening tools, staff training and referral pathways for further resources and support, hospitals actively can aid victims and help reduce community violence.

Human trafficking is the second-fastest-growing criminal industry in the U.S., second only to drug trafficking.²⁶ In 2010, 85 percent of Tennessee counties reported cases of human trafficking, with 72 percent reporting cases of sex trafficking involving a minor.²⁷

- Tennessee human trafficking hotline: 1-855-558-6484
- U.S. human trafficking hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or text "HELP" or INFO" to 233733
- [Tennessee human trafficking resources](#)
- [National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)
- Emergency Nurses Association and International Association of Forensic Nurses Joint Position Statement [Human Trafficking Awareness in the Emergency Care Setting](#)
- Free online training for healthcare professionals on identifying and responding to human trafficking [SOAR for Healthcare](#)
- International Association of Healthcare Security and Safety – [Human Trafficking Victim Identification and Response Within the United States Healthcare System](#)

Intimate partner violence accounts for 15 percent of all violent crime in the U.S. and over 73,000 domestic violence crimes were reported to Tennessee law enforcement in 2014.²⁸

- [Tennessee resources](#)
- [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#)
- Emergency Nurses Association clinical practice guideline: [Intimate Partner Violence](#)
- Emergency Nurses Association and International Association of Forensic Nurses [Joint Position Statement Intimate Partner Violence](#)

The rate of violent crime in Tennessee is significantly higher than national average, with 651.5 incidents per 100,000 persons in 2017 compared to the U.S. average of 394 incidents per 100,000 persons.²⁹

- [Tennessee crime victim support services](#)
- [Tennessee Voices for Victims](#)
- Trauma centers that care for victims of violence should closely follow the proposed [Bipartisan Solution for Cyclical Violence Act](#), which was introduced in the House in June 2020. The Act, which is supported by the American Hospital Association (AHA), would establish a grant program for eligible trauma centers and nonprofits to establish or expand programs that address intentional violent trauma, excluding intimate partner violence.