

Health care workers are

**5x**

more likely to experience workplace violence than workers overall.

SOURCE: Workplace Violence in Healthcare, 2018: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ([bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov))

# Save Health Care Workers from Workplace Violence

**Nearly half**

of nurses report experiencing physical violence and **68%** report experiencing verbal abuse.

SOURCE: [American Association of Occupational Health Nurses](#)

Health care workers who experience violence are more likely to feel anxious, depressed and burnout compared with those who did not.

**85%** report anxiety

**60%** report depression

**81%** report burnout

SOURCE: [CDC October 2023 Vital Signs](#)



**2 out of 3**

emergency department physicians reported being assaulted in 2022. One quarter of them report being assaulted multiple times a week.

SOURCE: [American College of Emergency Physicians](#)

"Over the past five years violent workplace incidents have skyrocketed, endangering nurses in the emergency department and other care settings. Passage of the Save Healthcare Workers Act would be crucial step in protecting nurses and other health care workers."

– CLAIRE M. ZANGERLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR NURSING LEADERSHIP

**91%**

of emergency physicians say they or a colleague were a victim of violence in 2023.

SOURCE: [American College of Emergency Physicians](#)

"Hospitals and health systems have implemented numerous protocols to stem workplace violence, but they need help. By enacting federal protections, Congress can create a powerful deterrent against workplace violence in hospitals and increase penalties for those who harm our caregivers."

– RICK POLLACK, PRESIDENT AND CEO, AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

**No one should have to accept violence as part of their job.** Currently, no federal law protects health care workers from workplace assault or intimidation. **Congress should enact the Save Healthcare Workers Act (H.R. 3178/S. 1600), which provides protections similar to those that exist for flight crews, flight attendants and airport workers.**