Workplace Violence in Healthcare
7 Facts to Know

The assault rate against healthcare workers is on the rise, with the highest rate recorded in 2018* since crime data collection began
[Source: International Association for Healthcare Safety and Security]   * Most recent year for which data is available

25,000 people are assaulted in their workplace each year. According to OSHA, three-fourths of reported assaults occur in a health care or social service environment
[Source: Joint Commission]

Healthcare workers have a 20% higher chance of being the victim of workplace violence that others in the workforce, according to the National Crime Vicitmization Survey
[Source: Joint Commission]

According to the American Nurses Association, 1 out of 4 nurses are assaulted on the job
[Source: Nurses.org]

47% of physicians say they have been physically assaulted at work, according to the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
[Source: Joint Commission]

From 2002 to 2013, OSHA reports the rate of serious workplace violence incidents (resulting in days off work for injury) was more than four times greater in healthcare than in private industry. Healthcare accounted for nearly as many serious violent injuries as all other industries combined

[Source: OSHA]

An Annals of Emergency Medicine study identified 154 shootings with injuries at U.S. hospitals, resulting in death or injury to 235 people between 2000 and 2011. Five of the 40 states that had shootings – including NC – accounted for more than a third of the events
[Source: Annals of Emergency Medicine/Johns Hopkins Univ.]