Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention



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Please correct your company address as needed

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We estimate it will take an average of 20 minutes to complete this survey, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing this information. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden, please send them to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20212. You are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dear Employer:

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, is working with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to survey employers about the prevention of workplace violence. The *Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention* includes questions about your establishment's operations, programs, and policies regarding workplace violence. Other questions are included about your establishment's training programs to prevent workplace violence.

We realize that you and your colleagues are very busy. Therefore, we have made the survey relatively quick and easy to complete. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, but we rely on establishments like yours to help us with this important research.

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The results of this survey can be found at <u>www.bls.gov</u> by clicking on the 'Safety and Health' link. A News Release detailing the major findings will be available in the summer of 2006. If you would like a copy of the final results sent to you via mail or e-mail, please check a box under "Contact Information" on page 1 of the survey.

Your participation will result in a survey that produces valuable and important information. Thank you for helping us collect accurate information and for participating in the effort to make America's workplaces safer and healthier.

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What do you need to do?

- Please forward this survey to the person(s) who is (are) most informed about the prevention of workplace violence, including training policies, throughout your establishment. This person should be knowledgeable about your establishment's operations and programs or policies; training; and procedures on workplace violence prevention; and incidences of workplace violence. This may include persons from Safety and Health, Risk Management, Security, Loss Prevention, and/or Human Resources.
- Complete this survey only for the establishment(s) noted on the cover under *Reporting Site*.
- Verify the information printed on the cover under *Your Company Address* and make corrections where necessary.
- On Page 1, fill in the **Contact Information (name, title**, and **telephone number)** of the person whom we should contact for information.
- Please return the entire package everything that we sent you in the enclosed envelope or by e-mail within **30 days** of the date your establishment received it.

If you need help in completing our survey form or if you have questions, please call **202-691-6170** (not a toll-free number).

Options for Reporting Your Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention Data

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics is pleased to offer two methods of reporting your Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention data.

- 1. You can complete your survey booklet by hand and return it to us by using the enclosed Business Reply Mail envelope.
- You can receive an electronic copy of the survey form by e-mail, enter your data, and then return it to us via e-mail.

Reporting Your Survey of Workplace Violence Prevention Data By E-Mail

Before you can report your data via e-mail you must obtain an electronic copy of the survey form.

Note: If you report your survey data by e-mail, you do not need to mail back your survey form to us.

As a participant in a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) statistical survey, you should be aware that use of electronic transmittal methods in reporting data involves certain inherent risks to the confidentiality of those data. Further, you should be aware that responsible electronic transmittal practices employed by the BLS cannot completely eliminate those risks.

The BLS is committed to the responsible treatment of the data you report and will take appropriate steps within their ability to protect the confidentiality of those data.

The survey form is a Microsoft Word ® template that is formatted to allow you to type your information into each of the data fields. The fields in the electronic survey form correspond exactly to the fields on the hard copy survey form you received in the mail.

- To obtain an electronic copy of the survey form, send an e-mail to: <u>WPVSURVEY@idcf.bls.gov</u>. By an automated response, you will receive an electronic copy of the survey form to complete. Do not reply to this message—it is from an unattended mailbox and any replies will not be responded to or forwarded.
- 2. Save the form to your computer and open it using Microsoft Word ®.

3. Begin by entering your establishment's identifying information on the cover page of the survey form. You will need to refer to the label on the front cover of the survey form you received in the mail. You must provide us with your establishment ID number and your company name and address.

An example label is shown below.



- 4. Once you have filled in your identifying information on the cover page, you can navigate through the fields on the form by using the TAB key.
- 5. When you have completed the survey form, save it on your computer.
- 6. Attach your completed survey form to an e-mail and send to: <u>WPVDATA@idcf.bls.gov</u>. You will receive an automated response when your survey form has been received by the BLS. Do not reply to this message—it is from an unattended mailbox and any replies will not be responded to or forwarded.

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START HERE
BEFORE you start answering the survey, please complete the following tasks: ⇒ Report information only about the Reporting Site identified on the address label.
Verify the information printed on the cover under Your Company Address and make corrections where necessary.
Forward this to the person who is most informed about workplace violence prevention in your establishment.
1 CONTACT INFORMATION — PLEASE PRINT:
Name of person completing the survey:
Job title:
Phone number: ()
Ext
Fax number: ()
Month and day completed:, 2005 Month Day
If you would like a copy of the survey results, please check one or both of the boxes below.
I would like a copy of the survey results sent to my e-mail address listed below. E-mail address:
 I would like a copy of the survey results sent to my mail address listed below.
Mail address:

- 2 How many employees are currently employed by your establishment?
 - ⇒ **Include all paid employees** (full-time, part-time, hourly, salaried, temporary, and seasonal).

NUMBER OF CURRENT	
EMPLOYEES:	

DEFINITION of Workplace Violence

Please use the following definition of workplace violence to answer the questions in this survey.

Workplace Violence violent acts directed towards a person at work or on duty (i.e. physical assaults, threats of assault, harassment, intimidation, or bullying).

Workplace violence can occur at the workplace, on official travel, at field locations, and at client's homes or workplaces. Violence that occurs in the workplace may be classified in the following ways:

- <u>Criminal</u>: when the perpetrator has no legitimate relationship to the business or its employees and is usually committing a crime in conjunction with the violence (e.g. robbery, shoplifting, or trespassing).
- Customer or Client: when the perpetrator has a legitimate relationship with the business and becomes violent while being served by the business (e.g. customers, clients, patients, students, inmates, or for any other group that the business provides services).
- <u>Co-Worker</u>: when the perpetrator is an employee, past employee of the business, or contractor who works as a temporary employee on your site and who attacks or threatens another employee.
- <u>Domestic Violence</u>: when the perpetrator, who has no legitimate relationship to the business (but has a personal relationship with the intended victim), threatens or assaults the employee at the workplace (e.g. family member, boyfriend, or girlfriend).

Section I: Operations

Answer questions for ALL employees including contractors and subcontractors who work for the reporting site. Which of the following types of security features are provided at your establishment, even if used as needed? 3a Electronic Surveillance — Check ALL that apply ☐ No electronic surveillance ☐ Intruder/Burglar alarm systems ☐ Surveillance cameras ☐ Motion detectors ☐ Metal detectors ☐ X-ray inspection of items brought into workplace (e.g. bags, briefcases, packages) ☐ Electronic badge or ID scanners at entrances and exits to building or work areas ☐ Employees' personal alarms ☐ Other 3b Security Staff — Check ALL that apply ☐ No security staff ☐ Campus or site-specific police ☐ Security guards, including contracted ☐ Guard dogs ☐ Other 3c Physical Security — Check ALL that apply ☐ No physical security features ☐ Limited access (e.g. secured entrances or doors that are kept locked during working ☐ Physical barriers or fences between work areas and the public (includes protective barriers in vehicles) ☐ Visibility of work areas (e.g. lighting) ☐ Cash handling processes (e.g. drop safes)

4 Is your establishment open to the general public?
□ No → Go to Question 5
☐ Hours between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
☐ Hours between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.
☐ Hours between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.
☐ Hours between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
Select <u>ALL</u> of the hours that employees work at you establishment, regardless of whether your establishment is open or closed to the general public during those times.
☐ Hours between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
☐ Hours between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.
☐ Hours between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m.
☐ Hours between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
checked) Which of the following procedures are used between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.? Check ALL that apply.
☐ Limited contact with the public (e.g. cash and small items exchanged using a pass through window)
Minimum of two employees working together
 Limiting the amount of cash on-hand (e.g. drop safes)
☐ Escorts to parking areas
☐ Employees' personal alarm systems
☐ Security systems (e.g. cameras)
☐ Visibility of work areas (e.g. lighting)
☐ Other
☐ No procedures are used

Which of the following situations apply to employees who work at your establishment? Check ALL that apply.	Which of the following are your staff, including security staff, authorized to do at your establishment? Check ALL that apply.				
 □ Working in direct contact with the public □ Exchanging money with customers □ Having a mobile workplace (e.g. working out of a vehicle) or delivering passengers, goods, or services (e.g. taxicab, police cruisers, postal route, or takeout food delivery) □ Working with unstable or volatile persons in health care, social service, or criminal justice settings □ Working in high crime areas □ Guarding valuable goods or property (e.g. a museum or armored car guard) □ Working in small numbers (fewer than 5) □ Working in community-based settings or going doorto-door to residences (e.g. home health care, social services, child welfare, or meter readers) 	 ☐ Register or check in visitors before entering the office/building ☐ Check employees' badges or IDs before employees enter the office/building ☐ Stop entry due to restraining/protective orders ☐ Use photographs of persons to screen entry of possible offenders who may resort to violence ☐ Screen calls for victims of harassment or domestic violence ☐ Have authority to arrest or detain persons for police ☐ Have authority to seize weapons ☐ Other ☐ None of the above 				
☐ Other ☐ None of the above 7 Do employees at your establishment work alone at any time? Examples include a clerk working alone at a convenience store, a taxicab driver, a social	 Does your establishment have a PROCESS OR METHOD to identify clients, customers, visitors, and/or patients with a history of violence? No Yes 				
worker making house visits, or a nurse on a ward by him or herself. □ No → Go to Question 8 □ Yes → (If yes) Which of the following prevention strategies are used when this happens? Check ALL that apply. □ Limited contact with the public (e.g. cash and small items exchanged using a pass-through window) □ Limited amount of cash on-hand (e.g. drop safes) □ Escorts to parking areas □ Personal alarm systems for employees □ Security systems (e.g. cameras) □ Visibility of work areas (e.g. lighting) □ Other □ No prevention strategies are used	Does your establishment have a PROCESS OR METHOD (e.g. background checks, security clearance, employment or personal reference checks) to identify potential employees or current employees with a history of violence? No				

Does your establishment provide additional security arrangements (e.g. panic alarms, workstation barriers) for employees who have been victims of workplace violence?	Section II: Programs and Policies
 □ No → Go to Question 12 □ Yes → (If yes) Which of the following security measures does your establishment provide? Check ALL that apply. 	Answer questions for ALL employees including contractors and subcontractors who work for the reporting site.
☐ Panic alarms☐ Workstation barriers	12 Does your establishment have a program or policy that includes workplace violence prevention?
Relocation to another workplace(e.g. working at a different location)	□ No → Go to Question 17
☐ More secure parking places made available	☐ Yes → (If yes) Which type of format? Check ALL that apply.
☐ Cell phones provided for commute or work-related travel	☐ Written program or policy
Enforcement of restraining/protective orders	☐ Verbal program or policy
□ Other	Which of the following situations does your establishment's workplace violence program or policy address? Check ALL that apply.
	☐ <u>Criminal</u> : when the perpetrator has no legitimate relationship to the business or its employees and is usually committing a crime in conjunction with the violence (e.g. robbery, shoplifting, or trespassing).
	☐ <u>Customer or Client</u> : when the perpetrator has a legitimate relationship with the business and becomes violent while being served by the business (e.g. customers, clients, patients, students, inmates, or for any other group that the business provides services).
	Co-Worker: when the perpetrator is an employee, past employee of the business, or contractor who works as a temporary employee on your site and who attacks or threatens another employee.
	Domestic Violence: when the perpetrator, who has no legitimate relationship to the business (but has a personal relationship with the intended victim), threatens or assaults the employee at the workplace (e.g. family member, boyfriend, or girlfriend).

14 Does the program or policy instruct employees about how to report concerns or incidents of workplace violence?	17 Which office or persons are responsible for addressing the prevention of workplace violence in your establishment?
 □ No → Go to Question 15 □ Yes → (If yes) Which of the following 	 □ No office or person has this responsibility → Go to Question 19
reporting methods are included in your establishment's workplace violence program or policy? Check ALL that apply. How employees report incidents How supervisors report incidents How to fill out an incident report form How to access an anonymous "800", toll free, or hotline number Other Other No	 ☐ Management/Supervisors ☐ Designated Employees ☐ Union Representatives ☐ Employee Assistance Program ☐ Human Resources ☐ Owner/CEO ☐ Security ☐ Occupational Safety and Health ☐ Risk Management ☐ Loss Prevention ☐ Other ☐ Don't know → Go to Question 19 18 If more than one office or person is responsible, who has the PRIMARY responsibility or would take the lead in addressing the prevention of workplace violence? Check only ONE.
☐ Yes	 No single office or person. It's a shared responsibility.
Does your establishment periodically review the effectiveness or impact of the workplace violence program or policy? □ No → Go to Question 17 □ Yes → (If yes) What is included in such a review? Check ALL that apply. □ Employee survey □ Number of violent incidents recorded □ Costs associated with incidents (e.g. worker's compensation) □ Other	□ Management/Supervisors □ Designated Employees □ Union Representatives □ Employee Assistance Program □ Human Resources □ Owner/CEO □ Security □ Occupational Safety and Health □ Risk Management □ Loss Prevention □ Other

19	Does your establishment currently have a committee, team, or working group that addresses workplace violence prevention?	Section III: Training				
	 No, but had a committee, team, or working group in the past → Go to Question 20 No, never had a committee, team, or working 	➤ Answer questions for ALL employees including contractors and subcontractors who				
	group → Go to Question 21	work for the reporting site.				
	☐ Yes → (If yes) Who makes up the workplace violence committee, team, or working group? Check ALL that apply.	Does your establishment provide material on workplace violence prevention to employees?				
	_	□ No → Go to Question 22				
	☐ Management/Supervisors	☐ Yes → (If yes) What types of material are available? Check ALL that apply.				
	☐ Designated Employees☐ Union Representatives	☐ Brochures on workplace violence				
	☐ Employee Assistance Program	prevention				
	☐ Human Resources	☐ Posters on workplace violence prevention				
	☐ Owner/CEO	☐ Newsletters, notices on the Intranet,				
	☐ Security	or bulletins in newsletters on				
	☐ Occupational Safety and Health	workplace violence prevention Memo or guidelines regarding how to				
	☐ Risk Management	report an incident related to				
	Loss Prevention	workplace violence				
	☐ Other	☐ Memo or guidelines regarding security measures (e.g. card keys, ID badges) that specifically address workplace violence prevention				
20	What are or were the functions of the workplace	☐ Other				
	violence prevention committee, team, or working	22 Does your establishment provide training to				
	group? Check ALL that apply.	employees on workplace violence prevention,				
	 Develop an initial workplace violence program or policy 	even if it is given during company trainings such as new employee orientation?				
	☐ Raise workplace violence awareness	□ No → Go to Question 26				
	☐ Conduct workplace violence training	☐ Yes → (If yes) Which of the following topics				
	Establish workplace violence prevention strategies	are addressed in your workplace violence prevention training? Check ALL that apply.				
	Evaluate the workplace for risk factors	☐ Workplace violence program or				
	Recommend additional security measures	policy				
	☐ Maintain security equipment	☐ How to address Domestic Violence				
	 Respond to and/or investigate any workplace violence incidents 	by a family member, boyfriend, or girlfriend at the workplace				
	Review all workplace violence reports or incidents to identify patterns	Risk factors for workplace violence (e.g. working alone, working in high				
	□ Other	crime areas) Prevention strategies (e.g. limiting the amount of cash on-hand, escorts				
		to parking areas)				
		☐ How employees should report concerns and incidents of workplace violence				
		Other				
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1	During the past 12 months, how many hours of training specific to workplace violence prevention did <i>EACH</i> employee group receive?							Which of th in your wo Check ALL	r <mark>kplace v</mark> i	olence			used
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B. No	on-supervi	sory emp	oloyees					No training	Class- room, instructor led	Self- paced	On-the- job; one-on- one	Written policies or manuals	Other (list)*
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No such staff		1 hour or less	1-2 hours	3-4 hours	5-8 hours	9 or more hours		□ No training	Class- room, instructor	Self- paced	On-the- job; one-on-	Written policies or	Other (list)*
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*Other (list):

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— v		n are empl e violence ment?					Section IV: Reporting
С	heck <u>ON</u>	<u>E</u> box for	each gr	oup.			
A. No	on-superv	risory emp	loyees				Answer questions for ALL employees including contractors and subcontractors wh work for the reporting site.
	□ Not required	One or more times per year	Every 1-2 years	Every 3-5 years	After an incident occurs	Other (list)*	27 During the past 12 months, have employees at your establishment experienced any incidents of workplace violence, even those that did not resu in injury?
*Other	:						□ No. N. Co to Overtion 22
B. Si	ınervisory	// manage	rial empl	ovees			□ No → Go to Question 32
	□ Not required	One or more times per year	□ Every 1-2 years	□ Every 3-5 years	After an incident occurs	Other (list)*	 Yes → (If yes) Which of the following types of workplace violence incidents occurred? Check ALL that apply. Criminal: when the perpetrator has no legitimate relationship to the
*Other		s / sub-con	tractors				business or its employees and is usually committing a crime in conjunction with the violence (e.g. robbery, shoplifting, or trespassing)
No such staff	□ Not required : gh-risk er	One or more times per year	Every 1-2 years	Every 3-5 years	After an incident occurs	Other (list)*	Customer or Client: when the perpetrator has a legitimate relationship with the business and becomes violent while being served by the business (e.g. customers, clients, patients, students, inmates, or for any other group that the business provides services).
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	When did the most recent incident of workplace violence occur? Check only ONE.	34	Do you think that the neighborhood around your establishment is Check only ONE.
00	 □ Within the last 30 days □ 1 to 3 months ago □ 4 to 6 months ago □ 7 to 12 months ago 		 □ Very safe from crime □ Safe from crime □ Unsafe from crime □ Very unsafe from crime □ Don't know
29	Did your establishment's workplace violence prevention program or policy change after an incident occurred? Check only ONE. No Yes No program or policy	35	Does your establishment track the cost of workplace injuries and illnesses? No Yes
	During the past 12 months, have incidents of workplace violence Check only ONE. Increased Decreased Stayed about the same	36	Does your establishment track costs related to incidents of workplace violence? □ No □ Yes → (If yes) What types of costs related to
	In your opinion, during the past 12 months, has an incident of workplace violence affected employees at your establishment?		workplace violence do you track? Check ALL that apply. Workers' compensation
	□ No → Go to Question 32		☐ Third party insurance
	☐ Yes → (If yes) In which of the following ways? Check ALL that apply.		 Absenteeism, accident or injury-related leave
	 □ Absenteeism □ Health insurance premiums □ Turnover □ Fear levels □ Productivity □ Morale □ Other □ Don't know 		 □ Replacement workers □ Property damage □ Training or prevention costs □ Other
32	Do you think that your establishment is Check only ONE.		
	 □ Very safe from workplace violence □ Safe from workplace violence □ Unsafe from workplace violence □ Very unsafe from workplace violence □ Don't know Do you think that your establishment is Check only ONE.	you (no Ple tha	ou need help in completing our survey or if a have questions, please call 202-691-6170 of a toll-free number). ase return the entire package – everything t we sent you – in the enclosed envelope or e-mail within 30 days of the date your ablishment received it.
	 □ Very safe from crime □ Safe from crime □ Unsafe from crime □ Very unsafe from crime □ Don't know 		ank you very much for your help. Your operation is appreciated.