

## **Workplace violence and healthcare settings**

In the United States, workplace violence is a growing problem, with the healthcare profession most affected. Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals that 70% to 74% of workplace injuries occur in healthcare and social service settings. The 2015 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Guidelines on Workplace Violence report that in 2013, 27 out of 100 fatalities in healthcare settings resulted from assaults and acts of violence.

Currently, there are no federal laws addressing workplace violence in healthcare settings and only limited state legislation, so healthcare communities are developing their own methods and processes to ensure the safety of employees and patients, including the implementation of de-escalation programs like Code Green.