



Emerging Trends in Mental Health: Implications for Workplace Violence Prevention

Recognizing shifts in mental health trends is considered an essential competency for threat assessment and violence prevention professionals. Following the pandemic, the prevalence of mental illness among adults in the United States increased from 18.6% to 26.4%, according to data from Johns Hopkins, reflecting a rise from one in five to one in four adults. Projections indicate that mental health and substance abuse disorders may soon become the leading cause of global disability, surpassing physical diseases.

The American Psychological Association reports historically high levels of stress, while research by the FBI has identified mental health stressors as the primary factors contributing to active shooter incidents. Although studies consistently demonstrate that individuals with mental illnesses are not more likely to engage in violent behavior than others in the community, both mental illness and stress are recognized as contributing, rather than causal, risk factors. Comprehensive understanding of the relationship between mental illness and targeted violence, alongside current mental health trends, remains crucial for those involved in violence prevention.

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