



#HAVhope

In the fall of 2016, the AHA's Hospital Against Violence (HAV) initiative was created in recognition of the growing public health threat posed by violence. HAV supports AHA members and the health care field as they work to combat workplace and community violence by:

Providing educational offerings, tools and resources



Identifying national partnerships or coalitions



Supporting data and information collection and research



Community Violence

- **Combating Human Trafficking**
- **Gun Violence Prevention**
- **Mass Violence Incidents**

HAV recognizes that community violence is a public health issue and has prioritized resources on human trafficking, gun violence prevention and mass violence incidents.

Sharing effective prevention strategies and programs on national, state and local levels to help end violence in our communities and to help hospital employees cope with the impact of violence.

Workforce and Workplace Violence Prevention

- **Culture of Safety**
- **Mitigating Risk**
- **Violence Intervention**
- **Trauma Support**

HAV works with the field to highlight successful programs and practices that are committed to creating safe health care settings. The framework, "*Building a Safe Workplace and Community*" promotes the four pillars necessary for implementing a comprehensive violence mitigation strategy.



#HAVhope National Day of Awareness unites hospitals, health systems, nurses, doctors and other health professional across the country, as well as the local and national organizations they work with, to combat violence through the use of digital media. #HAVhope provides an important visual demonstration that the health care community stands together, and with others in the community, against violence in our workplaces and communities.

Each year, #HAVhope reaches more and more individual users on social media, spreading the message that the healthcare field is united against violence

For more information about Hospitals Against Violence initiative please contact HospitalsAgainstViolence@aha.org and visit our website at www.aha.org/HAV.