Join us in celebrating #HAVhope Day, June 5, 2026!

#HAVhope Friday is a national day of awareness to highlight how America's hospitals and health systems combat violence in their workplaces and communities. June 5th marks the tenth annual Hospitals Against Violence #HAVhope Friday to highlight how hospitals and health systems continue working toward partnerships, innovations, and creative thinking to build a safe workplace and community.

We invite you to use #HAVhope to share what policies, procedures, or practices your organization is employing in this effort. By operating as a united front and sharing these best practices, our hospitals and health systems can forge a path for all to have hope.

#HAVhope

We encourage participants to create unique ways of showing support to their local hospitals and health care professionals. To do this we encourage you to use the hashtag #HAVhope in your social posts.

The AHA has provided sample messages and graphics you can use. Please tag @ahahospitals in your messages on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Sample Messages

- #HAVhope focuses on the importance of coming together as a community against violence. Learn more about prevention strategies as we work to end violence in our communities together: www.aha.org/HAVhope

- Help combat the growing public health issue of violence by learning more about #HAVhope. Find resources and information here: www.aha.org/HAVhope

- #HAVhope 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. Learn more: www.aha.org/HAVhope

- Join your community hospital for a national day of awareness of how health care organizations are combating violence in their workplace. #HAVhope

- Which strategies are your hospital or health systems using to bring awareness to or promote community violence prevention and workplace safety? Share your story with #HAVhope

- On June 5, America's hospitals stand together and call for an end to workplace and community violence. Learn more about the Save Healthcare Workers Act: https://www.aha.org/press-releases/2025-05-06-aha-applauds-introduction-save-healthcare-workers-act

- Protect hospital staff from workplace violence by supporting the Save Healthcare Workers Act (H.R. 3178/S. 1600). https://www.aha.org/press-releases/2025-05-_6-aha-applauds-introduction-save-healthcare-workers-act_

- Violence against health care workers has consistently increased across the nation. Hospital staff deserve federal protection from on-the-job assaults. Learn more about the Save Healthcare Workers Act and how it aims to challenge this national issue: https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2025/05/The-Burden-of-Violence-to-US-Hospitals.pdf

- Workplace violence in hospitals and health systems harms health care workers and disrupts patient care. Pass federal protections for health care workers through the Save Healthcare Workers Act. Learn more about this legislation: https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2025/05/The-Burden-of-Violence-to-US-Hospitals.pdf

- Violence in hospitals and their communities is a public health problem. A new report, "The Burden of Violence to U.S. Hospitals," analyzes the data to look at the massive financial pressure that violence puts on the U.S. health system beyond the physical toll. Read now: https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2025/05/The-Burden-of-Violence-to-US-Hospitals.pdf

- Violence is rising – and health care workers are on the front lines. In 2022 alone, the U.S. saw more than 2.1 million nonfatal and almost 74,000 fatal violence-related injuries. Attacks on health care workers are also increasing, and the toll is more than physical. Learn more about the cost of violence in a new report: https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2025/05/The-Burden-of-Violence-to-

US-Hospitals.pdf

- Violence in and around hospitals doesn't just hurt people, it can cause huge financial pressures on the U.S. health system. How much does it really cost? Find out more in a new report: https://www.aha.org/system/files/media/file/2025/05/The-Burden-of-Violence-to-US-Hospitals.pdf

Graphics: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18z3YLQ-T45lY3TyF44SDDG3yhu2kD8uf