

Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees (SAVE) Act

HAP supports the SAVE Act and urges all members of Pennsylvania's congressional delegation to become cosponsors

THE ISSUE

Health care workers aren't protected by federal law from violence and intimidation.

Yet many face the risk of violence every day.

We all feel the effects. Medical professionals cannot provide attentive patient care when they are afraid for their personal safety or traumatized. Staff who have experienced violence are more likely to leave, worsening the national shortage of providers.

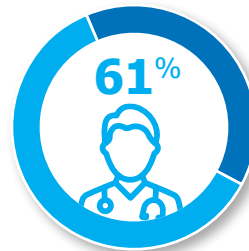
THE SAVE ACT

The bipartisan SAVE Act (H.R. 2584/S. 2768) is modeled after federal protections for airline workers. It would:

- ✓ Establish federal criminal penalties for knowingly assaulting or intimidating hospital employees, with exceptions for individuals who may be mentally incapacitated due to illness or substance use.
- ✓ Authorize grant funding for initiatives to improve hospital employee safety. (H.R. 2584)

The SAVE Act is one step towards ensuring that health care is no place for violence and giving hard-working professionals the protections they deserve.

THE FACTS



of all workplace violence happens in health care settings

5x

Hospital staff are 5x more likely than average to experience workplace violence

We can all do more to keep them safe.

It's a felony in Pennsylvania to assault an on-duty health care worker. Even so, violence against health care workers is on the rise.

The SAVE Act would add the strong teeth of federal enforcement to protect those who care for our health.



Hospital staff are much more likely to face workplace violence than workers in many other sectors:



13x
food service



10x
retail



4x
air transportation



2x transit



2x security