

# **Workplace Violence Prevention and Response Model**

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Violence Level

**Broadly communicate Code of Conduct Establish behavioural** expectations and consequences **Workplace Design Measures (CPTED) Personal Safety Awareness** Measures

**Managing Aggressive Behaviour** training **De-escalation techniques** Reporting processes Specialized behavioural services **Disciplinary Processes** 

Training and awareness around emergency procedures, reporting and immediate actions

Training and awareness around specific procedures such as evacuation, lockdown, emergency communications systems

#### Low

Individually managed, not frequent, not severe, no negative consequences for others or learning / work environment

Includes behaviours such as: disruptions, potentially aggressive behaviour, authority challenging, verbal abuse, offensive comments, slurs etc.

#### **Anxiety**

Moderate

Behaviour has a detrimental influence on the work / learning environment, objectively apparent, increased frequency or severity of violence beyond low level

Includes behaviours such as: bullying, harassment, intimidation, aggressive, abusive, offensive, verbal threats

## **Personal Safety Concerns**

High

Threat to personal safety or the safety of others is perceived

Includes behaviours such as: Weapons threat, assault (pushing, hitting, Kicking, Punching, biting), other violent criminal acts, immediate threat to injure self or others

# Safety at risk

Call 5000 (911) to report **Avoid escalation** Take necessary measures to mitigate risk to safety of self and others

# Critical

Threat to life safety and / or imminent risk to College occupants creating College crisis

Includes behaviours such as: use of weapons (guns, knives, explosives, agents or other items used as weapons), imminent threats of weapons and other imminent threats to life safety

## **Imminent Danger to Life**

Recognize Respond Refer to specialized services where appropriate **Classroom Management Skills Boundary setting Documentation** 

Intervention using classroom management techniques and deescalation skills **Ensure physical safety** Report **Documentation** Disciplinary action as appropriate

Call 5000 (911) to report Avoid escalation / mitigate risk Evacuate if possible Lockdown if necessary Follow directions over emergency communication systems Follow directions of emergency personnel

- Intended to be used as a guideline for the identification of appropriate prevention and response measures to various pre-defined levels of violence, in conjunction with Directive A-22 "Workplace Violence Prevention"
- · Prevention and response measures are broadly identified with each level of violence
- The model should be viewed as a continuum, rather than a rigid process
- Establishing and practicing these measures creates a positive aggregate influence within the College community and demonstrates College commitment to preventing workplace violence
- Measures are shown on the continuum where they may be initiated, but the effect of any measures carries through the continuum from low to high violence level, measures at each level contribute to prevention by visibly fostering a College environment where workplace violence is consistently
- The capacity to manage low level violent behaviour represents an individual, personal threshold which is subjective and often determined by:
- o Personal Comfort The range in which the individual feels safe and confident in their ability to manage low level violence using their own skill sets
- Professional Comfort The range represented by professional boundaries and ethical behaviour demonstrated by the employee or the other party
- . College faculty and staff may manage low level violence within these parameters and skill development in these areas is supported and encouraged.
- Regardless of an individual's ability to manage low level violence it is the additional responsibility of all staff to ensure the quality of the learning / working environment A negative effect on the learning / working environment at the point that an encounter or history of behaviour adversely influences the learning / work environment, infringing on the rights of others, in accordance with Directive A-21.