

Violence in Home Healthcare

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- True False 1. Giving healthcare in the home is usually very safe.
- True False 2. There is a general rise in violent crimes in our society, especially in domestic violence.
- True False 3. Homicide is the leading cause of job-related fatality for females.
- True False 4. Since people prone to violence are so unpredictable, there really are no warning signs to help you identify a threatening situation.
- True False 5. Once the assault cycle begins, there is nothing you can do to stop it.
- True False 6. Identifying a potentially violent situation is the surest way of avoiding violence.
- True False 7. During the escalation phase a potentially violent person may look flushed, breathe rapidly and begin pacing.
- True False 8. The escalation phase occurs too rapidly to allow you to intervene in any way.
- True False 9. The attack phase occurs when the situation escalates into some form of physical confrontation.
- True False 10. When confronted by an actively violent person, you should maintain an assertive position with your body and position yourself near an exit for easy escape.
- True False 11. During the recovery phase, the perpetrator's anger subsides.
- True False 12. Once the perpetrator begins to calm down during the recovery phase, you can feel certain that the violent episode is over.
- True False 13. During the post-crisis phase the perpetrator usually becomes withdrawn and even remorseful.
- True False 14. It is normal for you to be subjected to anxiety and a stress reaction after experience a violent encounter.
- True False 15. One way to protect yourself from potentially threatening situations during your home visit is to familiarize yourself with your client's history.
- True False 16. Pre-existing conditions such as mental illness, drug abuse or abusive relationships are warning signs of potentially violent behavior.
- True False 17. Avoid lengthy or emotional conversations with the family of the client.
- True False 18. When on the street, it's best to avoid eye contact with strangers.
- True False 19. After your visit, make sure you record any potentially threatening situations for future reference.
- True False 20. Your ability to make rapid assessment of the potential for violence in each household you visit is a key factor in ensuring your own safety.