Use the Violence Assessment Tool (VAT)

Visit: pshsa.ca/workplace-violence

Assess the Risk

- A History of Violence
- Confused
- Irritable
- Boisterous
- Verbal Threats
- Physical Threats
- Agitated/Impulsive
- Paranoid/Suspicious
- Substance
  - Intoxication/Withdrawal
- Socially Inappropriate/
  - Disruptive
- Body Language
- Attacking Objects

Take Action

- Monitor and remain alert
- Communicate changes in behaviours that may put others at risk
- Initiative violence prevention care planning process
- Apply flag alerts
- Notify manager/supervisor
- Alert Security-assistance may be required
- Use effective therapeutic communication and de-escalation techniques
- Be prepared to apply behavioural management and self-protection techniques
- Initiate appropriate referrals if required
- Ensure communication devices/processes are in place
- Inform Client of VAT results when it is safe to do so
- Call 911 / Initiate Code White Response as necessary

Involve the Client

- Ask the client to help us provide the best possible care by describing known triggers and ways to reduce these behaviours

Rate the Risk

Each Yes = 1 pt.

0 pts = Low Risk;
1-3 pts = Moderate Risk;
4-5 pts = High Risk;
6+ pts = Very High Risk