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# Pathway to Violence

Warning Signs and What You Can Do

## Be Alert to Signs of Trouble



Potential warning signs include:

- Increasingly erratic, unsafe, or aggressive behaviors.
- Hostile feelings of injustice or perceived wrongdoing.
- Drug and alcohol abuse.
- Marginalization or distancing from friends and colleagues.
- Changes in performance at work.
- Sudden and dramatic changes in home life or in personality.
- Financial difficulties.
- Pending civil or criminal litigation.
- Observable grievances with threats and plans of retribution.

## Appropriate Intervention



Help ensure the safety of you and your colleagues by:

- Being aware of drastic changes in attitude toward others.
- Taking note of any escalations in behavior.
- Providing any information that may help facilitate intervention and mitigate potential risks.

## Reach Out for Help



**Concerned? Witnessed disturbing behavior?**

Contact your supervisor or your human resources department to alert them of potential dangers and enable them to mitigate any emerging risks.

**You are the first line of defense. Report suspicious activity.**  
In an emergency, always call 9-1-1 or contact local law enforcement.