Verbal
De-escalation

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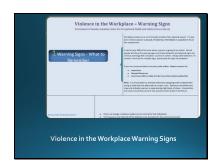
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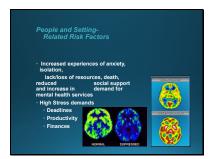
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Violating your personal space (they get too close) Finger pointing Staring through you Flaing nostrils Person refuses any eye contact Someone blocks egress Weapon

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* Arrange furniture so workers have a clear exit route. * Be familiar with a site and identify the different exit routes available. * Physical position to the person. * Do you have a 'safer room' for emergencies to create a barrier from the threat? * Do you know how to Secure the room? * Door lock, Barricade, etc.

What else ?? •Privacy •Seating •Kleenex •Hydration

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WARNING!!!! The information contained in this presentation may be disturbing and upsetting to some. The information is being provided to alert and prepare you. These are real events that are happening in many communities





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What is Verbal De-escalation? Intervention using calm language, along with other communication techniques, to diffuse, re-direct or de-escalate a conflicting situation. IN.gov

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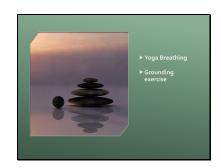
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Communicate the process Can help with fear and confusion which can cause escalation Never attempt to de-escalate a potentially violent situation without calling for "backup". Know how to signal for help from other staff without escalating the crisis.

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"|" Statements Get out of the "You Must" mindset I understand that.... It seems to me....... I'm glad to try to work it out...... I want to see that you have.... How can I help you with this? Who can I contact for you? I know it must be tough when........



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De-escalation Tips Undivided Attention Sometimes people feel they need to up the ante if they don't have your full attention Do not try to interrupt Be prepared to listen twice as much as you talk We have two ears and one mouth Don't rush Conveying that through body language as well as words that you are listening they should make they listening they should make they have they are listening they should make they are listening they should as they are listening they are listening they should be visible.





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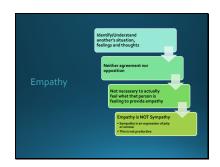




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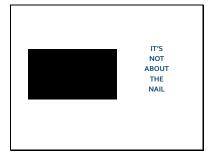
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De-escalation TipsEmpathy

- Reflect back what you think, feel and sense they are saving and feeling.
 - Can help build rapport (name)
 Find the hook
 - "It sounds like you are feeling angry," to communicate that you are aware of their emotional state
 - Keep in mind whatever the person is going through, it may be



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De-escalation Tips

Remember if you say something or do something to de-escalate a tense situation and it makes the crisis worse, stop and try something else.

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Refrain from Physical Contact

If only verbal do not touch the person or attempt to restrain them by hand. This may cause them to become physical.

• Not grabbing angry people -let them walk. • Let's walk and talk





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De-escalation on the Phone

- Stay calm
 Deep breathing exercises
 Grounding techniques
- Think before you speak
 It's ok to pause before responding
- Let the individual speak
 Avoid interrupting or talking over them

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Slide 61 Telephone cont'd Try not to put them on hold If you can't avoid it, minimize the time spent on hold Be honest even if it means the person doesn't get the result they want Slide 62 • Strategize to manage your own behavior. · Know your physical limitations. Slide 63 Be cautious with personal information you share with clients and their families. Can they hear conversations? Social Media – be cautious with how much information you share.



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