

Workplace Violence = Workplace Hazard

Robber deploys bear spray at restaurant employee.

Winnipeg Police Service Media Release – 24 Aug 2011

On August 23rd, 2011, a female suspect entered a Pembina Highway restaurant while armed with a can of bear spray. The suspect confronted an employee and deployed the bear spray. An undisclosed amount of cash was stolen.

Employee taken to hospital after assault to upper body.

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On August 23rd, 2011, Winnipeg Police were called to attend a convenience store on Watt Street. Two armed male suspects entered the business and assaulted a 21 year old male employee and fled empty handed.

Drug store staff attacked: Violent suspect demanded drugs.

Winnipeg Free Press - Winter, 2010/11

A violent robber assaulted two employees of a small pharmacy (the third time in just over a month the same pharmacy was hit by thieves). The suspect was demanding drugs from one employee after crashing through the counter and then punched two other employees who attempted to aid their co-worker who was being confronted by the robber.

Youth charged in killing of pizza store employee.

Winnipeg Free Press - Spring, 2011

A 15-year-old boy has been arrested and charged with murder in the death of a 54-year-old Pizza Hotline employee. Police said the employee was injured when two males robbed the outlet. The Winnipeg resident was taken to hospital in critical condition, and died from his injuries the following day.

What You Can Do to Protect Yourself Against a Violent Situation:

- Familiarize yourself with your workplace Violence Prevention Policy.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and stay alert, especially when performing any work that places you at an increased risk of workplace violence.
- If you're being robbed, give up the items being sought without a fight.
- If you're attacked, yell as loud as you can, do anything to free yourself and run for cover as fast as you can (run to where other people are if possible, yelling the entire time).
- When safe, call the police to report the crime and inform your supervisor.

Physical harm isn't the only form of violence!

Even a threatening statement or behaviour that gives you reason to believe that physical force will be used against you is considered to be violence.



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