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Tone: Dramatization

Key Training Points:

- Today, more than 1,000 Americans are murdered on the job every year
- One study suggests that more than 2 million employees suffer physical attacks on the job each year, and more than 6 million are threatened in some way
- Two types of violence - Type one - the person committing the assault has no employment relationship to the workplace or to the victim; and Type two - the assault is more "employment-centered."
- The increased potential for workplace violence calls for a high level of awareness on the part of both employers and employees
- Signs of potential violence may include extreme changes in work performance; abrupt changes in behavior; or behavior that is belligerent, intimidating, or threatening
- Most people, even if they show some of these warning signs, never become violent; others, who exhibit none of these behaviors, commit horrendous acts
- Report to authorities any person or any behavior that appears to be unusual or threatening
- In the event of an attack on a co-worker, try to stay calm. If possible, get out of the area and call 911.

Answers: 1. B, 2. D, 3. D 4. C, 5. True