

Violence at Work

Sometimes violence at work happens during a robbery or from some other outside cause. In St. Petersburg, in November, 2004, a gunman went into a Radio Shack and started shooting. He killed 2 people and left another person barely alive. Then the gunman killed himself. He may have been mentally ill.



Sometimes an employee or ex-employee gets violent. Sometimes the person was fired, or did not get a raise. Sometimes it is a person who is always angry and always picking a fight.

To be safe, try to stay away from people who are:

- angry all the time
- yelling at other people
- showing how strong they are
- always wanting to fight
- drunk or on drugs
- carrying a knife or gun



A Workplace Conversation

Worker 1: Did you hear what happened to Harry?

Worker 2: No. What?

Worker 1: He got fired last night.

Worker 2: Why?

Worker 1: He brought a gun to work.

Worker 2: Why?

Worker 1: I don't know. He was very angry about something.



Comprehension Check

1. Why did Harry get fired? _____
 2. Does anyone bring a gun to work where you work? ___ yes ___ no
 3. If someone threatens you with a gun at work, what should you do?
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