

A Review of

**Aggression in the Workplace:
Preventing and Managing High-Risk Behavior**

A recently published book for managers

Violence in the workplace has risen to “epidemic” proportions according to the Centers of Disease Control. In this volume, Dr. Marc McElhaney, a specialist in workplace violence, presents a comprehensive guide that no manager can do without when having to prepare for these potentially dangerous and often disruptive events.

These are situations that often seem to explode in the workplace without warning, when in fact; they have often long incubated outside the manager’s awareness. Utilizing a risk management approach that focuses on the process of how these situations evolve, as opposed to an oversimplified presentation of “profiles”, will provide the manager with the needed tools to prevent and effectively intervene, to ensure a safe and cost-effective resolution.

This book takes a comprehensive view that covers the broad range of aggression control strategies that an organization can utilize, from the fundamental building blocks of a primary prevention program to specific techniques that the manager can use to defuse and stabilize situations that are already threatening to explode. In between, the author presents a step-by-step description of the assessment and intervention process that should occur when and if an organization is faced with a potentially dangerous set of circumstances.

Utilizing an approach that combines his knowledge and experience from the fields of threat assessment, risk management, conflict resolution and crisis negotiation, the author focuses on an approach that not only addresses the organization’s immediate needs, but strives for a resolution and management plan that also addresses the organization’s long-term safety concerns.