

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

A recent announcement by HealthSHARE, a subsidiary of the Texas Hospital Association.



The Texas Hospital Association is pleased to announce a new endorsed company, **Watch House International**, your solution for customized workplace violence training. With their specialized program, The **S.A.F.E.** Approach™, Watch House International is the expert in training hospital staff in how to safely neutralize dangerous situations.

The **S.A.F.E.** Approach™ is a training program designed specifically for those in the health care field, where the effective use of de-escalation skills that will reduce the risk of negative or violent encounters with patients, visitors and co-workers. At the heart of The **S.A.F.E.** Approach™ is the concept of recognizing potentially hazardous situations and alleviating their impact while treating individuals with dignity and respect. In the rare instance where physical attack occurs, their program instructs participants on the effective use of defensive measures in order to escape the attack and call for help.

For staff members tasked with restraining violent persons, such as safety and security staff, Watch House International also provides training modules that present the team approach to successfully restraining these individuals and address the **legal issues**.

Using the train-the-trainer approach, their program seeks to minimize costs to the organization while providing a truly unique offering – protecting institutions from undue liability while providing training to increase employee satisfaction.

We have been very impressed with the work that our new friends at **Watch House International** have been doing for hospitals and are pleased to endorse them as a partner in hospital staff safety. If you'd like to inquire about their services, I invite you to contact <u>Bart Geiser</u> via email or 888/225-9569.

Thank you,

John Checkley President/CEO HealthSHARE