



University Health – Violence Prevention Programs and Partnerships

Emergency and Mass Casualty Preparedness: In case of an emergency, mass casualty event, or global pandemic UH is designated as the City’s emergency response center.

Violence Prevention:

- Aim4Peace: UH’s Trauma Team partners with Aim4Peace and the program’s Hospital Prevention Program to respond to gunshot and violence related trauma situations, work with survivors of violence during their hospital stay, connect individuals with community resources, etc.

2023		
Total Number of Calls	Total Number of Responses	Total Number of Follow-Ups
248	193	235

Trauma Services:

- In 2023, University Health’s Trauma Services saw 1,624 unique encounters including 467 “intentional violence” cases. A breakdown of those cases is indicated below:

UH Trauma Services - Intentional Violence Cases	Total cases	Total Percentage (all trauma cases)	Total Percentage of Intentional Violence Cases
Gun Shot Wounds	238	14.7%	51%
Stabbing	61	3.8%	13%
Assault	191	11.8%	41%

Project RISE:

- University Health Truman Medical Center’s (UHTMC) RISE Program is a comprehensive, stepped-care treatment program that seeks to provide nonfatal shooting victims and their families with timely mental health supports in the immediate aftermath of a shooting. The RISE (Responsive Individualized Support and Early Intervention) Program consists of an interdisciplinary team of nurses, social workers, chaplains, and behavioral health professionals working to make sure that people affected by gun violence have all the resources they need to recover.



- Target Population: All nonfatal shooting victims ages 13 and above seeking medical care for bullet-to-skin gunshot wounds and their families are eligible to receive services through UHTMC's RISE Program.
- Services/Activities to be Provided: Services are provided across three levels of intervention.
- Goals: The specific goals of UHTMC's RISE Program are:
 - To identify nonfatal shooting victims at greatest risk for chronic, impairing posttraumatic stress symptoms;
 - To provide nonfatal shooting victims with information, crisis intervention, and advocacy in the immediate aftermath of a shooting; and
 - To provide readily accessible, continuous mental health support in the weeks and months after a shooting to bolster resilience and recovery.