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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) strongly supports the goal of a society free from violence. ACEP recognizes that violence takes many forms, including but not limited to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, child and elder abuse, terrorism and acts intended to cause mass casualty incidents, firearm violence, and antiminority-motivated or politically motivated violence. ACEP believes emergency physicians have a public health responsibility to reduce the prevalence and effect of violence through advocacy,

education, legislation, and research initiatives. ACEP will work to improve violence prevention programs and develop clinical tools for emergency departments to treat patients presenting with the mental and physical consequences of violence.

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