

# TIP SHEET - ACUTE VIOLENCE RISK MANAGEMENT

## Acute Risk in the community:

- If the Clinician is the target for imminent violence, retreat immediately to a safe location and utilise the duress alarm.
- Use de-escalation techniques if appropriate and safe to do so (e.g., validate and re-direct the consumer to an area that is safe and away from other consumers and staff).
- Contact the police to advise of the violence risk.
- Make contact with potential victims to warn them of the violence risk.
- Notify the Consultant Psychiatrist/Registrar of the acute nature of the violence risk.
- Update/develop an Acute Management Plan and upload to CIMHA.

## Acute Risk in an inpatient facility:

- If the Clinician is the target for imminent violence, retreat immediately to a safe location and utilise the duress alarm.
- Use de-escalation techniques if appropriate and safe to do so (e.g., validate and/or re-direct the consumer to an area that is safe and away from other consumers and staff).
- Contact Security (onsite).
- Make contact with potential victim to warn them of the violence risk. If the potential victim is within the same inpatient facility, keep the potential victim and consumer separated.
- Notify the Consultant Psychiatrist/Registrar of the acute nature of the violence risk.
- Complete CIMHA documentation, including updating the alerts to include violence /aggression risk.

