

THE ISSUE: Assault

Assault-related issues were among the top 10 public safety problems identified by recipients of the 2011 COPS Hiring Program. When identifying a public safety problem it is important to think about the nature of similar incidents in specific terms (e.g., hot spot areas, gun violence, the code of silence, robberies, and gang violence). While doing this, it can be helpful to consider all aspects of the problem, including the likely offenders, the suitable targets/victims, and how they all come together to create the situation.

An important component in achieving the COPS Office's mission is to provide quality (relevant) knowledge resources that address key public safety issues. Featured here is a sample of resources that can be used to directly support your efforts—they can be shared with staff, your community, or used for training purposes. Please visit the COPS Office website to order and download a complete listing of our knowledge resources.

Knowledge Resources



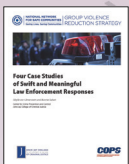
Assaults In and Around Bars, 2nd Edition (2006)

The guide begins by reviewing factors that increase the risks of assaults in and around bars. It then identifies a series of questions that might assist law enforcement in analyzing their local problem of these types of assaults and developing effective responses.



Sexual Assault of Women by Strangers (2011)

There are many unreported instances of sexual assault. Sexual Assault of Women by Strangers provides police with an overview of the problem and the factors that increase its risks, to help them analyze and address this issue.



Group Violence Reduction Strategy: Four Case Studies of Swift and Meaningful Law Enforcement Responses (2011)

The National Network for Safe Communities' group violence reduction strategy holds that violent crime can be dramatically reduced when law enforcement, community members, and social services providers join together to directly engage with violent street groups and gangs.

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