We asked California adults, "Are you concerned that anyone you know might physically hurt [another person/themselves] on purpose?"

1 in 5 respondents (22%) reported knowing someone at perceived risk of hurting others or themselves.

Persons at perceived risk of other-directed violence were described as...
- 74% male
- 32% friends
- 26% 40-49 years old

Persons at perceived risk of self-directed violence were described as...
- 47% male
- 33% friends
- 28% 20-29 years old

27% of respondents said it was likely or very likely the person will hurt another person in the next year.

22% of respondents said it was likely or very likely the person will hurt themselves in the next year.

*Nonbinary includes any gender other than "male" or "female."

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding and non-responses.
An estimated 6.5 million Californians—1 in 5 adults—are concerned someone they know, usually a friend or family member, is at risk of violence to others or themselves.

The ability to identify when someone is behaving dangerously or exhibiting warning signs is an important component of violence prevention efforts.

Access to firearms is common among persons at perceived risk of violence, though taking action to reduce this access was rare.

Continued efforts to empower the public, especially those close to people at elevated risk, to act on their knowledge about risk factors for violence are needed.

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