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## Mental Health Challenges and Solutions in High-Pressure Work Environments


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### ABSTRACT

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## **INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH IN HIGH-PRESSURE WORK ENVIRONMENTS**

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Raising awareness about mental health challenges and reducing stigma can encourage employees to seek help and support. Training programs for employees and managers can provide information about recognizing signs of stress and burnout, understanding mental health resources, and fostering a supportive environment. Education initiatives can also help employees develop coping strategies and build resilience. The impact of high-pressure work environments on mental health is not

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