



THE THREAT INSIDE THE WALLS: DISCERNING BETWEEN DELUSIONS, HALLUCINATIONS AND ACTUAL THREATS FROM MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS

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REAL OR IMAGINED?



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DELUSIONS VS. HALLUCINATIONS



HALLUCINATIONS

A sensory experience

- See
- Hear
- Touch
- Taste
- Smell

In the absence of stimulus
Something not present
outside the mind



DELUSIONS



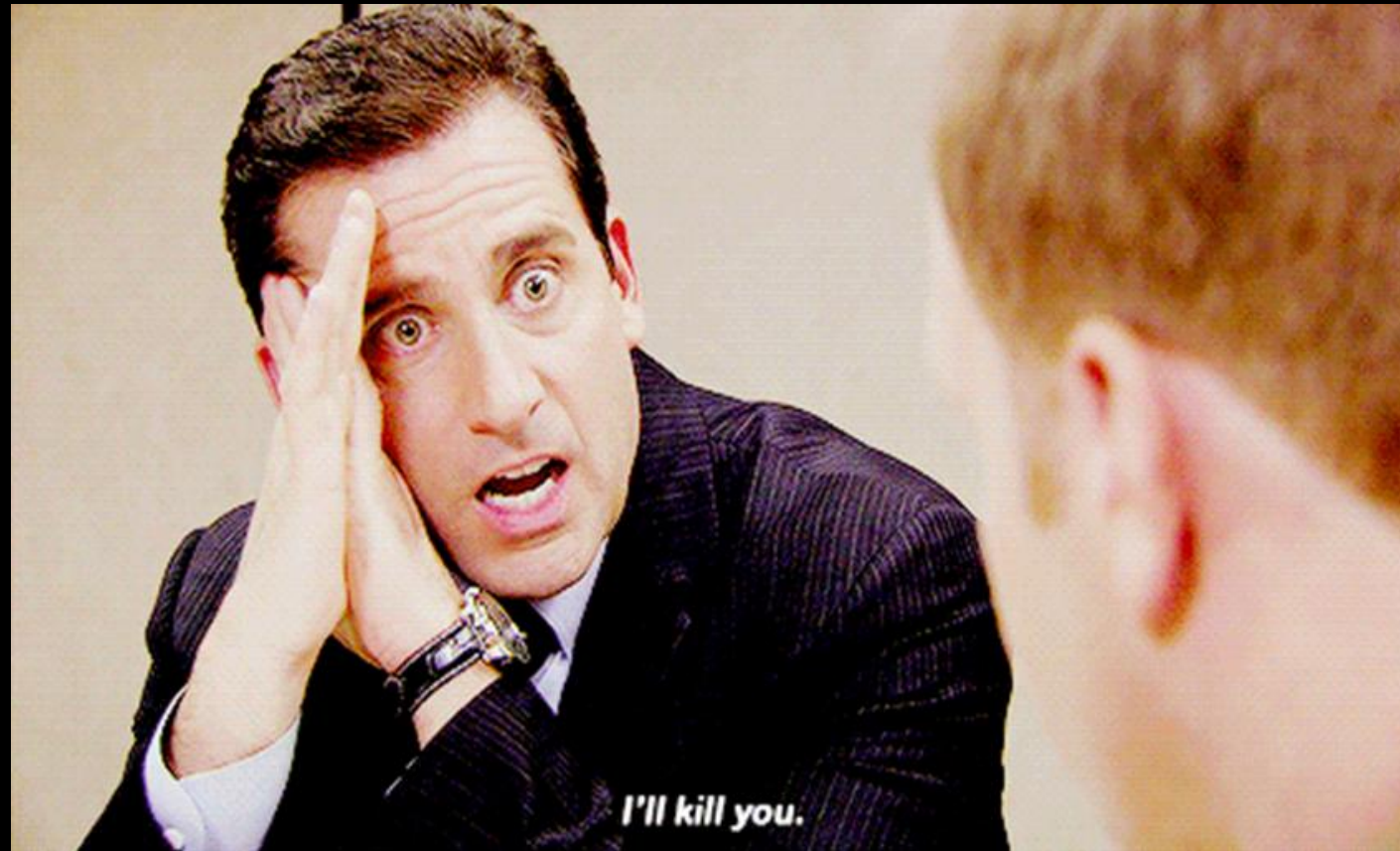
- A false **belief** or impression
- Does not change and is firmly maintained
- Despite being contradicted by the generally accepted reality
- Exists on a continuum
 - Degree of deviation
 - Number of norms deviated from
- Does not increase the overall risk of violence in the mentally disordered

PSYCHOSIS

- A range of symptoms
- Affecting a person's thoughts, feelings and behaviors
- In which thoughts and emotions are so impaired that contact is lost with external reality



IMPACT ON WORK ENVIRONMENT



IMPACT ON THE FAMILY



IMPACT ON THE INDIVIDUAL



THREAT ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES



ASSESSMENT TOOLS



- Brown Assessment of Beliefs Scale (BABS)
 - Delusions exist on a continuum
 - Good insight
 - Poor insight (overvalued ideation)
 - No insight (delusional thinking)
 - Scales test
 - Conviction
 - Perception of view of others
 - Explanation of differing views
 - Fixity of ideas
 - Attempt to disprove ideas
 - Insight

THREAT MANAGEMENT



COMMENTS & QUESTIONS



THANK YOU



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