

Our Hands Are Tied Security Survey April 2019

Dear Member,

Thank you to the HSU members who filled out the original **Our Hands Are Tied** security campaign survey back in October 2018. Over 92% of those surveyed said that legislation needs to change for hospital security officers, and over 74% said that if legislation were to change they would require batons and handcuffs. Over 84% said that they believed a previous situation they had been involved with would have had a better outcome if security officers had additional legal powers and equipment.

During our campaign we have had a lot of varying feedback around the need for batons and handcuffs and/or other types of defensive equipment. Unfortunately, the NSW Government review of hospital security did not bring about significant change, so the **Our Hands Are Tied** campaign will now continue. The HSU is now seeking more specific feedback from Security Officers and Health & Security Assistants in relation to defensive equipment required.

Please complete the HSU's survey at the below link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Security_April2019.

Your answers will assist the HSU with our ongoing campaign and discussions with the NSW Health Minister.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD