

# **Bibliography of Published Works Relative to Risk Assessment for Sexual Offenders**

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## **Introduction**

The following bibliography is divided into topic areas to facilitate the process of finding what is desired. This type of division results in some repetition in the list, where a published work is enumerated under multiple topic headings. Only published works are included in this bibliography (including dissertations and internet publications), meaning that many relevant conference presentations and unpublished works have been omitted. While an attempt was made to include a reasonably comprehensive list for each topic, there are certainly published works that speak to a topic enumerated below that are not included. Such omissions occurred because (a) the work was not known to me or made known to me by people I consulted, (b) the work was considered subsumed within another listed work (e.g., a study that was included in a listed meta-analysis on the same topic was not listed separately), (c) the degree to which the topic was covered was considered too ancillary, or (d) I simply made an error, and will be glad to correct it once pointed out to me. I apologize ahead of time to anyone whose work I omitted where it should have been included.

This bibliography was designed to help people find existent resources on topics currently thought related to sexual offender recidivism risk. Various related topics were excluded, most notably those that fall under the rubric of risk management (though a few overlapping references can be found in the bibliography). Such exclusions were not meant to represent anything about proper risk assessment procedures. It was simply that my task was to develop a bibliography related most directly to recidivism risk assessment.

I showed a clear bias in some selection criteria for inclusion to this bibliography. For instance, virtually all entries are of very recent vintage, within the past 5 years. This sometimes reflects the newness of the overall rubric (such as with an instrument that was only developed within that time frame). Sometimes, however, this selectivity reflected a preference on my part to list only the most recent works, leaving it to the interested user to compose a list of earlier relevant publications. Exceptions to this “current literature” bias can be found on occasion, when I also listed what I considered a major work in the field, or the instrument’s original manual.

I also took advantage of other existing bibliographies, and simply referred the user to those where I found them. Sometimes these existing bibliographies are in books, and sometimes they are on websites that are listed below.

Finally, I omitted some categories that I am sure are of interest to various potential users of this bibliography. To illustrate, there are no separate categories of references for juvenile offenders, female offenders, or other specific subtypes of sexual offenders (e.g., child molesters, exhibitionists, etc.). These omissions simply reflect my attempt to concentrate on risk assessment issues and instruments, and not on the subtypes of sexual offenders per se.

I hope that the reader finds the following useful. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please feel free to let me know ([dmdoren@prodigy.net](mailto:dmdoren@prodigy.net)).

## Topic Headings

- (1) Age (of Offender)
- (2) Base Rates for Recidivism
- (3) Communicating About a Risk Assessment
- (4) ERASOR (Estimate of Risk of Adolescent Sexual Offense Recidivism)
- (5) Extrapolation of Risk Percentages Beyond Current Instrumentation
- (6) HCR-20 (Historical Clinical Risk Management – 20)
- (7) J-SOAP/J-SOAP-II (Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol [– II])
- (8) Legal Standards
- (9) LSI-R or YLS/CMI (Level of Service Inventory – Revised; soon to be Level of Service/Case Management Inventory; Youth Level of Service – Case Management Inventory)
- (10) Methodological Issues
- (11) MnSOST/MnSOST-R (Minnesota Sex Offender Screening Tool [– Revised])
- (12) ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment)
- (13) PCL-R/PCL:SV (alone) (Psychopathy Checklist – Revised, or Screening Version)
- (14) PCL-R and Sexual Deviance
- (15) RM2000 (Risk Matrix 2000)
- (16) RRAS (Registrant Risk Assessment Scale)
- (17) RRASOR (Rapid Risk Assessment of Sexual Offender Recidivism)
- (18) RSVP (Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol)
- (19) SARA (Spousal Assault Risk Assessment Guide)
- (20) SAVRY (Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth)
- (21) Sexual Deviance (alone)
- (22) SIR/SIR-R1 (Statistical Information on Recidivism [– Revised 1])
- (23) SONAR (Sex Offender Needs Assessment Rating)
- (24) SORA (Sex Offender Risk Assessment)
- (25) SORAG (Sex Offender Risk Appraisal Guide)
- (26) Static-99/Static-2002
- (27) SVR-20 (Sexual Violence Risk – 20)
- (28) Theoretical Issues
- (29) Treatment Participation
- (30) Treatment Related Dynamic Variables
- (31) Treatment Staff Ratings
- (32) VASOR (Vermont Assessment of Sex Offender Risk)
- (33) VRAG (Violence Risk Appraisal Guide)
- (34) VRS-SO (Violence Risk Scale – Sex Offenders)
- (35) YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument)

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