



Participants



470 students from
Southeastern Michigan

190 9th Graders

- 60.5% female
- Mean age: 12.0 years
- Age range: 11.3–13.8 years

280 12th Graders

- 63.9% female
- Mean age: 14.9 years
- Age range: 14.0–16.6 years

Adolescent Risk of Dating Violence and Electronic Dating Abuse: A Latent Class Analysis

This study investigates patterns of electronic sexual dating aggression compared to verbal, physical and sexual dating violence in 9th and 12th graders.

Electronic Monitoring

- Demanding a dating partner provide passwords
- Reviewing a dating partner's electronic interactions

Electronic Harassment

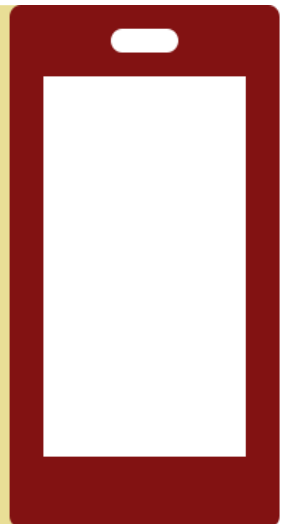
- Repetitive interactions through electronics
- Use of electronics to threaten a partner

Electronic Coercion

- Pressure to engage in electronic forms of sexual interaction
- Sharing those private interactions without consent

Electronic dating aggression clustered largely with verbal violence for both age groups, suggesting that it shares some of the same risk factors.

Based on these findings, those likely to perpetrate verbal violence, are also more likely to perpetrate electronic dating aggression, despite the substantial differences between the two.



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