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Suicide Thoughts and Behaviours Checklist, 1994

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Construct: Suicidal Behavior

Purpose: The Suicide Thoughts and Behaviours Checklist was developed to measure suicidal behavior that includes suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, deliberate self-harm, suicide threats and plans.

Administration Method: Paper

Summary: The Suicide Thoughts and Behaviours Checklist (Pearce & Martin, 1994) contains 5-items that measure suicidal behavior. This self-report questionnaire asks respondents to answer yes or no questions about whether they have ever engaged in suicide ideation, plans, threats, deliberate self-harm and suicide attempts, to indicate how often they have engaged in these behaviours in the previous 6 months (from never to weekly) and to rate how likely they perceive themselves to be to engage in each behaviour in the near future. With the exception of suicide plans, each question specifically asks about the respondents' participation in acts with intent to deliberately hurt or kill themselves. The questionnaire also asks subjects to rate the detail of suicide plans and the seriousness of suicide threats. Using high school students for the sample, the Cronbach's alpha was 0.74.

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