Research on online risks (sexual abuse/violence) trends and gaps
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Online sexual abuse literature database

- [http://www.childcentre.info/robert/database/](http://www.childcentre.info/robert/database/)

- Free for everybody
- Covering information about minors abuse/violent sexual experiences related to
  - Online communication;
  - Online behavior leading to online or offline abusive/violent experience
  - Offline experiences related to online abuse/violence.
Collection

• Since 1987
• National language publications available internationally (English summary)
• Around 260 items in the database

Increase of publications about online sexual abuse
Age of children in research on online sexual abuse

Who are studied
Children and young people are the dominant group of respondents in child online sexual violence research

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What is missing or under covered

- More research about offenders, their strategies and solicitation process is needed
- + adults, parents, disabled children, and the role of teachers
- Evaluation of teaching material, programs their effectiveness
- Violence between peers
- On- and offline behaviour comparisons
- Few studies which are representative according to ethnicity and socio-economic status
Conclusions

- Number of publications covering violence related to online contacts is growing
- Diversity of definitions used in violence research makes research comparisons difficult
- Need for better understanding of harm-related and non-harm-related issues
- Need for internationally comparative data
- Some missing topics

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