

SEX OFFENDER PROTECTIVE VARIABLES

The following is a list of protective variables which can reduce an examinee's risk to re-offend. Some of these protective variables are directly supported by empirical research, and some are inferred from the evolving psychological literature. Many professionals in the field commonly consider these protective variables when estimating risk, and Idaho's psychosexual evaluators are encouraged to utilize this list to assist in determining an examinee's estimated risk to re-offend.

GENERAL

Age over 40

Age over 60 (stronger protective variable than age 40)

FAMILY OF ORIGIN

Having a stable childhood with no family history of psychological or substance abuse issues

Having no history of a family with criminal issues

Having no history of criminal peer relations

Having no history of abuse (physical, emotional, or sexual)

Having a family that represents pro-social behavior

SCHOOL AND EMPLOYMENT

Having no history of discipline issues in school

Having no history of problems with school performance (grades, peers, completion of school)

Functioning well in an employment setting (maintaining long term employment, no current conflicts with peers or authority, advancement in career)

Functioning well in a school setting

MENTAL

Having no history of serious mental health issues

Having no history of impulsiveness or recklessness

Having emotional issues that are well managed

VIOLENCE

Having no history of violence

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Having no history of substance abuse

Maintaining ongoing sobriety (if examinee has a history of substance abuse)

SEXUAL

Having no prior history of sexual offense

Having a satisfying and appropriate sexual relationship

RELATIONAL

Having a history of living with lover for two years of longer

Having a current romantic relationship that was functioning well

Engaging pro-social people in support network

Ability to avoid negative relationships

CRIMINAL

Having no prior or very limited arrest history

Having pro-social attitudes

Having no history of criminal peer relations

TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION

Having no history of treatment failure

Having no history of supervision failure

Having a positive attitude toward treatment

Having a positive attitude toward supervision

Successful completion of treatment

Successful completion of supervision

RECREATIONAL

Engaging in healthy, pro-social recreational activities

Having recreational activities that are effective at reducing stress