

# Threat Assessment Literature Review Methods<sup>1</sup>

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We have created an annotated list of 139 books, chapters, journal articles, and reports concerned with school-based threat assessment and/or school shootings published between 1995 and 2020. We reviewed the literature primarily using the following databases: APA PsycInfo, ERIC (EBSCO), Google Scholar, PubMed, Sage, and ScienceDirect. Search terms included school threat assessment, student threats, school safety, youth threat assessment, school violence prevention, school violence, school shooting, school murder, school homicide, and school attack. Subsequently, we reviewed abstracts to determine their relevance and potential for inclusion. Additional articles, chapters, and government publications were reviewed and included at the recommendation of experts in the field of school threat assessment and youth violence. We coded each document on measures of content and research method. To obtain inter-rater agreement, two raters were randomly assigned 10 documents to code. After two rounds of coding, inter-rater agreement was at least 80% for each variable. During this process, all disagreements in coding were resolved through discussion until consensus was reached, which allowed for further clarification and revision of the coding criteria. The raters then coded the remaining documents.

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