

Risk Domains and Factors

Risk factors are personal traits, characteristics of the environment, or conditions in the family, school, or community that are linked to youths' likelihood of engaging in delinquency and other problem behaviors. The presence of risk factors and the early exposure to them has been shown to increase the likelihood that youth will engage in early delinquent behavior during adolescence and continue to offend throughout the life course.

Find additional details on risk factor domains & factors from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at: <https://www.ojdp.gov/mpg/litreviews/Risk%20Factors.pdf>

Risk Factor Domains	Individual	Family	Peer	School	Community
Risk Factors	Antisocial behavior and alienation (delinquent beliefs, general delinquency involvement)	Family history of problem behavior/parent criminality	Gang involvement or gang membership	Low academic achievement/academic failure	Availability of alcohol and other drugs
	Gun possession (illegal gun ownership or carrying a gun)	Family management problem/poor parental supervision and monitoring	Peer alcohol and drug use	Negative attitude toward school/low bonding, low school attachment, low commitment to school	Availability of firearms
	Favorable attitudes toward drug use, early onset of substance use	Poor family attachment/bonding	Association with delinquent or aggressive peers	Inadequate school climate/poorly organized and functioning schools/negative labeling by teachers	Community crime/high crime neighborhood
	Early onset of aggression or violence or other problem behaviors	Child victimization and maltreatment		School dropout	Community instability (i.e. children moving, high rates of mobility, low home ownership rates, rental occupied housing, property vacancy)
	Violent victimization and children exposed to violence	Pattern of high family conflict and/or violence			Economic deprivation/poverty/residence in a disadvantaged neighborhood
	Cognitive and neurological deficits, mental/behavioral health disorders	Sibling antisocial behavior			Social and physical disorder/disorganized neighborhood/feeling unsafe in the neighborhood
		Parental use of physical punishment/harsh and erratic discipline practices			
		Low parental education level/illiteracy			