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Adolescent Risk Behaviors: Harm from Social Networking and Alcohol Use

Message from the Guest Editors

Adolescents with immature mental development are vulnerable to the negative impact of harmful information on social networking sites, resulting in risky behaviors such as alcohol use. How does the content on social networking sites affect adolescents' attitudes and behaviors towards risk behaviors? At the same time, apart from passively accepting the influence of bad information from social networking sites, social networking sites give teenagers the opportunity to actively interact with information, such as liking, commenting on and collecting such information. Will the behavior in social networking sites enhance the impact of potentially harmful information on adolescents' risk behavior? In addition to addressing these questions, researchers should also focus on finding protective factors and feasible interventions. In response to these problems, this Special Issue aims to focus on the influencing mechanisms and protective factors of adolescent social network use and risk behaviors (alcohol, tobacco, etc.), in order to reduce the likelihood of adolescent risk behaviors and the impact of negative messages.

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