

Appendix 1 Search strategies

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Search terms	Items found
Intervention: violence risk assessment tools	
1. TI ((assess* N3 risk) OR checklist* OR "check list*" OR evaluat* OR instrument* OR measur* OR psychometric* OR predict* OR prognos* OR rate* OR rating* OR scale* OR screen* OR test OR tests OR tool* OR question* OR validit*)	873,059
2. TI (danger* OR violen*)	132,811
3. 1 AND 2	10,860
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5. 3 OR 4	35,750
Study types: systematic reviews and meta-analyses	
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Combined sets:	
7. 5 AND 6	1,179
Limits: XX	
8. 7 AND Publication Date: 20200101-20251231	516 (293)
Final result	
9.	293

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AB = Abstract; **TI** = Title; ***** = Truncation; **" "** = Citation Marks; searches for an exact phrase; **N** = Near Operator (N) finds the words if they are a maximum of x words apart from one another, regardless of the order in which they appear

Medline via OvidSP 24 April 2025

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4.	1 or 2 or 3	3,487,836
5.	exp Violence/	120,752
6.	(danger* or violen*).ti,bt,kf.	65,325
7.	5 or 6	149,188
8.	4 and 7	15,522
9.	((assess* adj3 risk) or checklist* or check list* or evaluat* or instrument* or measur* or psychometric* or predict* or prognos* or rate* or rating* or scale* or screen* or test or tests or tool* or question* or validit*) adj3 (danger* or violen*).ab.	8,603
10.	8 or 9	21,974
Study types: systematic reviews and meta-analyses		
11.	(Systematic Review/ or Meta-Analysis/ or Cochrane Database Syst Rev.ja. or Meta-Analysis as Topic/ or Network Meta-Analysis/ or Technology Assessment, Biomedical/ or Systematic Reviews as Topic/ or ((systematic* adj4 review*) or (systematic* adj4 bibliographic*) or (systematic* adj4 literature) or (comprehensive* adj4 literature) or (comprehensive* adj4 bibliographic*) or (integrative adj4 review) or (integrative adj4 review) or (meta-analy* or metaanaly*) or (information adj3 synthesis) or (data adj3 synthesis) or (data adj3 extract*) or (medline or pubmed or psyclit or cinahl or (psycinfo not psycinfo database) or web of science or scopus or embase)).ab,bt,ti. or (systematic overview* or systemic review* or scoping review or scoping literature review or mapping review or umbrella review* or review of reviews or overview of reviews or meta-review or integrative overview or meta-synthesis or metasynthesis or quantitative review or quantitative synthesis or meta-ethnography or research synthesis or systematic literature search or systematic literature research or evidence-based review or evidence synthesis).bt,ti. or (research overview* or collaborative review* or collaborative overview* or technology assessment* or technology overview* or technology appraisal* or hta or htas or methodological overview* or methodologic overview* or methodological review* or methodologic review* or quantitative overview*).ab,bt,ti.) not (Editorial/ or Letter/ or Case Reports/)	784,695
Combined sets		
12.	10 and 11	947
13.	limit 12 to yr="2020 - 2025"	452
Final result		
14.		452

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.ab. = Abstract; **.ti.** = Title; **.bt.** = Book title; **exp** = Term from the Medline controlled vocabulary, including terms found below this term in the MeSH hierarchy; **.kf.** = Author keyword; ***** = Truncation (if found at the end of a free text term); **adjn** = Positional operator that lets you retrieve records that contain your terms (in any order) within a specified number (n) of words of each other

Scopus via Elsevier 24 April 2025

Search terms		Items found
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3.	1 AND 2	9,324
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Combined sets		
7.	5 AND 6	1,100
8.	7 AND PUBYEAR > 2019 AND PUBYEAR < 2026	
Final result		
9.		542

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Scopus via Elsevier (citation search) 24 April 2025

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Citing articles		
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