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Introduction

Overview

This document is a technical and interpretative manual for evaluators using STABLE-2007. This version updates and replaces the October 21, 2013 STABLE-2007 Evaluators' Workbook (Helmus & Hanson, 2013) and all other previous versions.

STABLE-2007 is a measure of risk factors relevant for the treatment and supervision of adult males charged or convicted of a sexually motivated offence. It was first described in a government report (Hanson, Harris, Scott, & Helmus, 2007) and later as a journal article (Hanson, Harris, & Helmus, 2015).

It is intended that this document be used in conjunction with the latest *STABLE-2007 coding manual* (Current version is from 2014; Fernandez, Harris, Hanson, & Sparks, 2014). Evaluators interested in using these risk tools should have received training from a certified trainer (for a list of STABLE-2007 certified trainers, contact Dr. Dana Anderson at Simcoe Psychology, dana.anderson@rogers.com. A list of Static-99R and Static-2002R certified trainers is available at www.static99.org).

What's new in the 2017 Evaluator Workbook?

In this document, readers will find updated psychometric information on STABLE-2007 (i.e., percentiles, distributions), updated rules for combining STABLE-2007 with Static-99R/2002R to produce standardized risk levels, and updated recidivism tables that can be used in applied reports. Also included in this document are new relative risk ratios for the standardized risk levels and reporting templates.

The purpose of using standardized risk levels in this document reflects a larger movement to improve risk communication. Advances in risk assessment have led to a variety or risk tools, each with different sets of items and scoring rules. The convention of using nominal risk levels (e.g., "low," "high") to interpret scores does not facilitate objective comparisons across scales. The standardized risk framework is a non-arbitrary method for defining levels of risk based upon thresholds relevant for decision making (i.e., percentiles, absolute and relative risk) and not the characteristics of any single tool. For more information on the standardized risk levels see Appendix A, "Standardized Risk Levels for Sexual Offending."

The methods and estimates associated with combining STABLE-2007 with Risk Matrix 2000 have not changed since the 2013 version. New combination rules and recidivism estimates for combining STABLE-2007 with Risk Matrix 2000 to produce standardized risk levels is forthcoming.

For more information about Static-99R, Static-2002R, and Risk Matrix 2000, see Appendix B, "Static Risk Assessment Tools Descriptions."

This was a preview of the STABLE-2007 Evaluator workbook.

The complete workbook is available from your STABLE-2007 certified trainer.