

Violence Risk Scale (VRS) & Violence Risk Scale Sex Offender Version (VRS:SO) Training Workshops

The VRS and VRS:SO training workshops are two-day workshops, typically delivered by two trainers. Also offered is a combined VRS/VRS:SO three-day workshop.

Violence Risk Scale (VRS) Workshop

The VRS can be used both to assess an individual's presenting risk of violent and general recidivism and, for someone in treatment, a modified Stages of Change model is used to evaluate the individual's treatment readiness and treatment change. While the VRS is clinically and treatment focused, the design of the tool helps to maintain structure and scientific rigor in the assessment process. Research evidence provides good support for the psychometric properties and the association of treatment changes and recidivism. This workshop is recommended for those who wish to use the VRS for clinical and research purposes.

VRS Workshop Components:

- Theoretical bases for the VRS
- Assessment of violence risk using the VRS
- Integration of risk assessment & treatment
- Review of VRS manual and rating Instructions
- Review of VRS Research & Results
- Scoring of the VRS
- Practice ratings using the VRS - participants read case summaries and rate two practice cases and receive ratings feedback
- Clinical utilities of the VRS
- Communicating risk assessment information
- Q&A

Violence Risk Scale: Sex Offender Version (VRS:SO) Workshop

The VRS:SO training workshop format and components are similar to the VRS workshop. The VRS:SO can be used both to assess an individual's presenting risk of sexual violence and, if applicable, to also evaluate treatment readiness and treatment change. Research evidence provides good support for the psychometric properties and the association of treatment changes and recidivism.

For further information and costing for VRS, VRS-SO, or a combined workshop, please contact Stephen Wong or Audrey Gordon.

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