

Name of Instrument: **Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)**

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Year Developed: 1988

Where to obtain Instrument:

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Description of the Instrument

- The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a questionnaire telephone interview, addressing issues such as safety belts, exercise, alcohol, etc.
- To assess behavioural risk factors related to injuries and death.

Form of instrument:

- Questionnaire/ Survey

Method of delivery:

- Phone Interview

Relevance to injury/ Percentage of the instrument specific to injury

- To assess the prevalence of risk factors for the major causes of death in U.S.

Time to administer or complete the instrument

Methods of data analyses:

- Quantitative

Setting/sample instrument used in:

- A random sample of adults (n=122) and a separate sample of Black and Hispanic adults (n=200) in Massachusetts.

Was it pilot tested? No

Pilot test sample:

Reliability Measures

- Test-retest reliability (21 days) ranged from $r=0.45$ to $r=0.89$ with most coefficients above 0.70.

Validity Measures

Reference

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Other References

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