

Safety Concern of Parents of Secondary Level Students and Current Measures Being Taken

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Objective:

The main purpose of the present study was to assess the safety concerns of parents of secondary level boys and current measures being taken.

Methods:

A survey was conducted on 97 secondary level students (age 14-16 years old) and their parent . The students were coming from two high schools in Tehran. One of the schools was located in North, and the other in south of Tehran and both were taking male students only.

- The data was collected using a self-report questionnaire.
- The focused of the study was on safety of the students at home, community, and their high school.

Results:

- Ninethly seven parents participated in this study (Table 1).
- The findings revealed that the investigated parents' showed to be worry about their sons overall safety.

Table 1: Frequency Distribution of Fathers' and Mothers' Educational Level

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Father	Diploma	26	26.8	26.8	26.8
	Post-diploma	7	7.2	7.2	34.0
	B.A	30	30.9	30.9	64.9
	M.S	17	17.5	17.5	82.5
	MD	10	10.3	10.3	92.8
	PHD	7	7.2	7.2	100.0
	Total	97	100.0	100.0	
Mather	Diploma	36	37.1	37.1	37.1
	Post-diploma	3	3.1	3.1	40.2
	B.A	41	42.3	42.3	82.5
	M.S	8	8.2	8.2	90.7
	MD	7	7.2	7.2	97.9
	PHD	2	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	97	100.0	100.0	

1- Their concerns at home,

- was mainly about safety of their son in the internet.

2- In the community, their concerns was about:

- passing through streets and crowded areas,
- probable attacks by unknown people against their sons,
- kidnapping threats.

3- In high school, their main concern was about:

- Aggressive act of other student against their sons,
- Passing CDs with unapproved contents,
- Friendship with unapproved classmates.

Some of the strategies being used by the parents to promote their sons' safety and well being were :

- Developing intimate communication with their sons,
- Familiarizing themselves with their friends,
- Inviting their sons' friend home ,
- Trying to get a hold of their sons' friend phone number.

Conclusion:

- Safety of secondary level students is one of the main concerns of their parents, and parents are very alert with respect to this matter.
- The stated parents have taken various measures to promote their sons' safe living condition, however it does not look like that they have fully overcome the problems regarding their sons' safety at home, in community, and in high school

Contribution:

- The investigated Parents were very conscious about the need for promoting their sons safety at home, in high school and community, and it looks like they are doing well individually , but not collectively-their efforts is not organized so that it can help other youth in this country.

- An intervention program is highly recommended to arm the Iranian parent with more effective tools to fight the potential safety risks for children and youth at home, in community and in high school.