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Negative experiences with meeting online strangers: Adolescent girls' risk prevention

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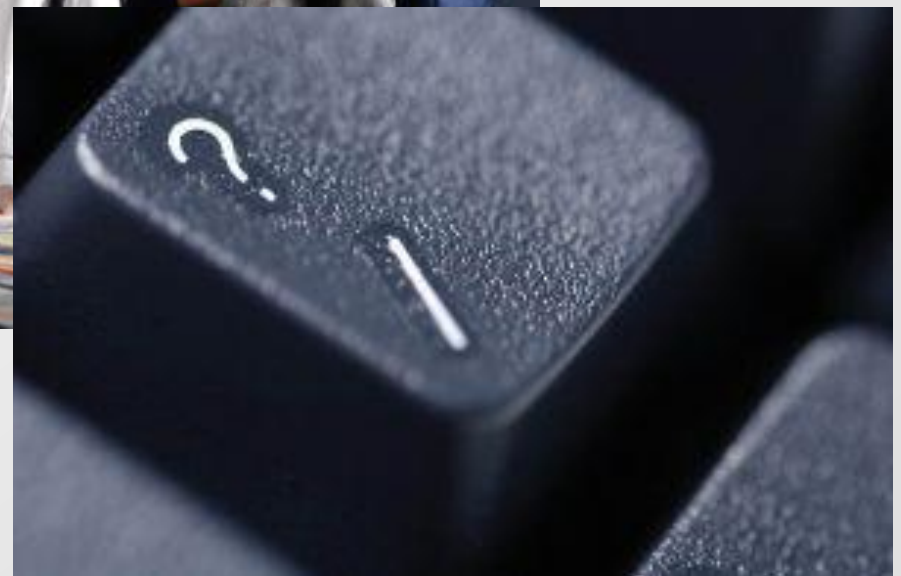


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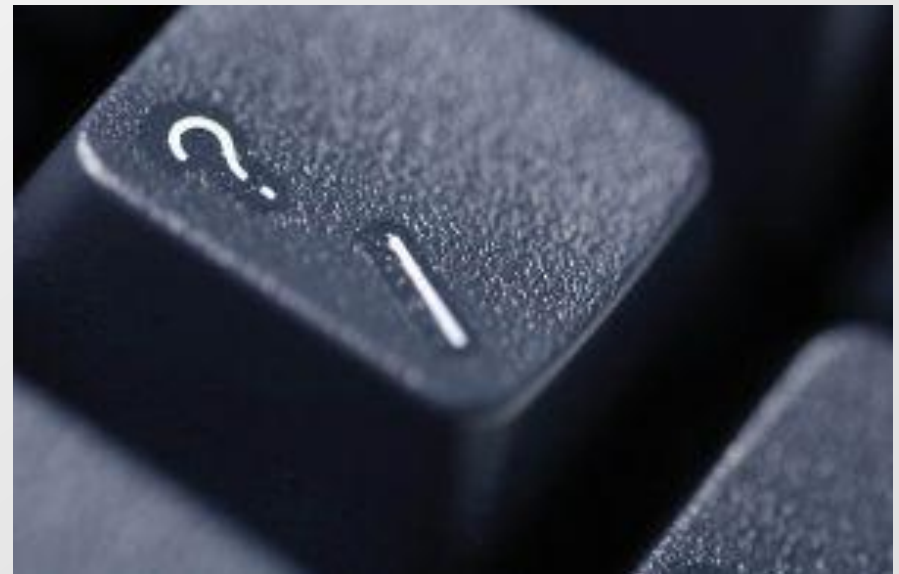
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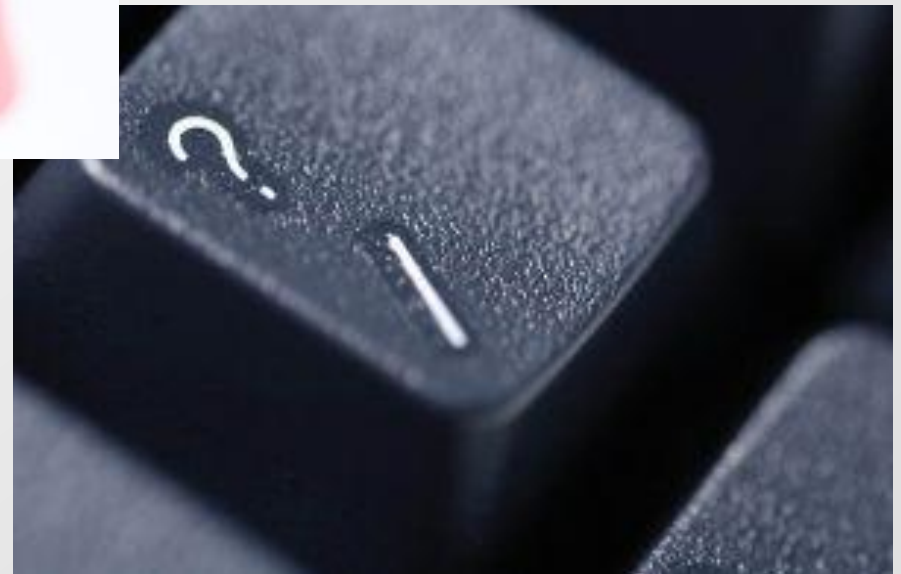
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30 % of 9-16 years old
children talk to unknown
people on the internet

(EU Kids Online II, 2010, $N = 25,142$)



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9 % of 9-16 years old children met online stranger offline in past year

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1 % of all children felt upset after meeting online stranger
= 11% of those who went to such meeting
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Current study

- Sampling: 18,950 invitations
- Sample: 14 girls, aged 15-18 who had negative experience with meeting online stranger
- Semi-structured online interviews, capturing the whole story of meeting online strangers and dealing with negative experience afterwards
- Focus on their risk perception & prevention

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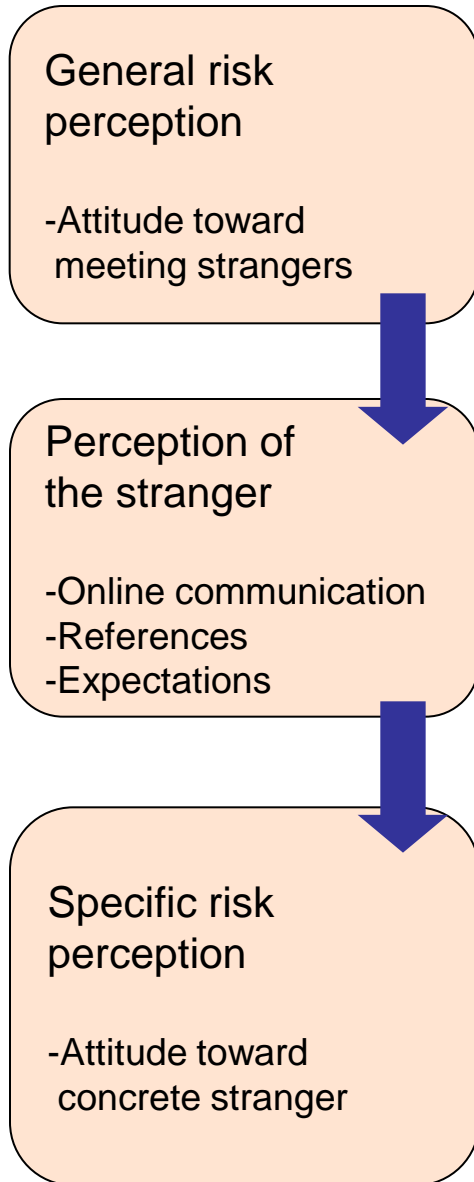


Perception of
the stranger

-Online communication
-References
-Expectations

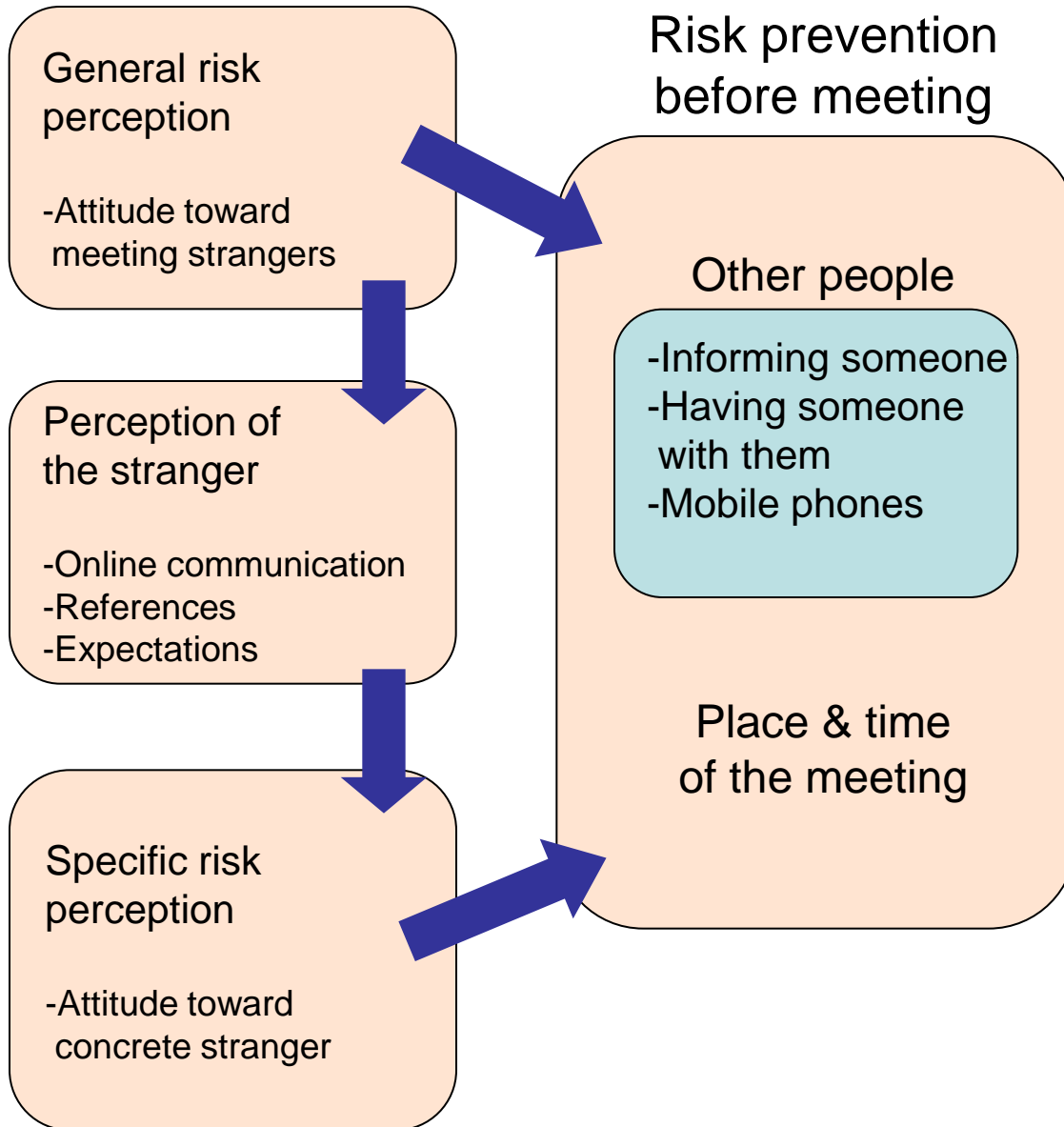
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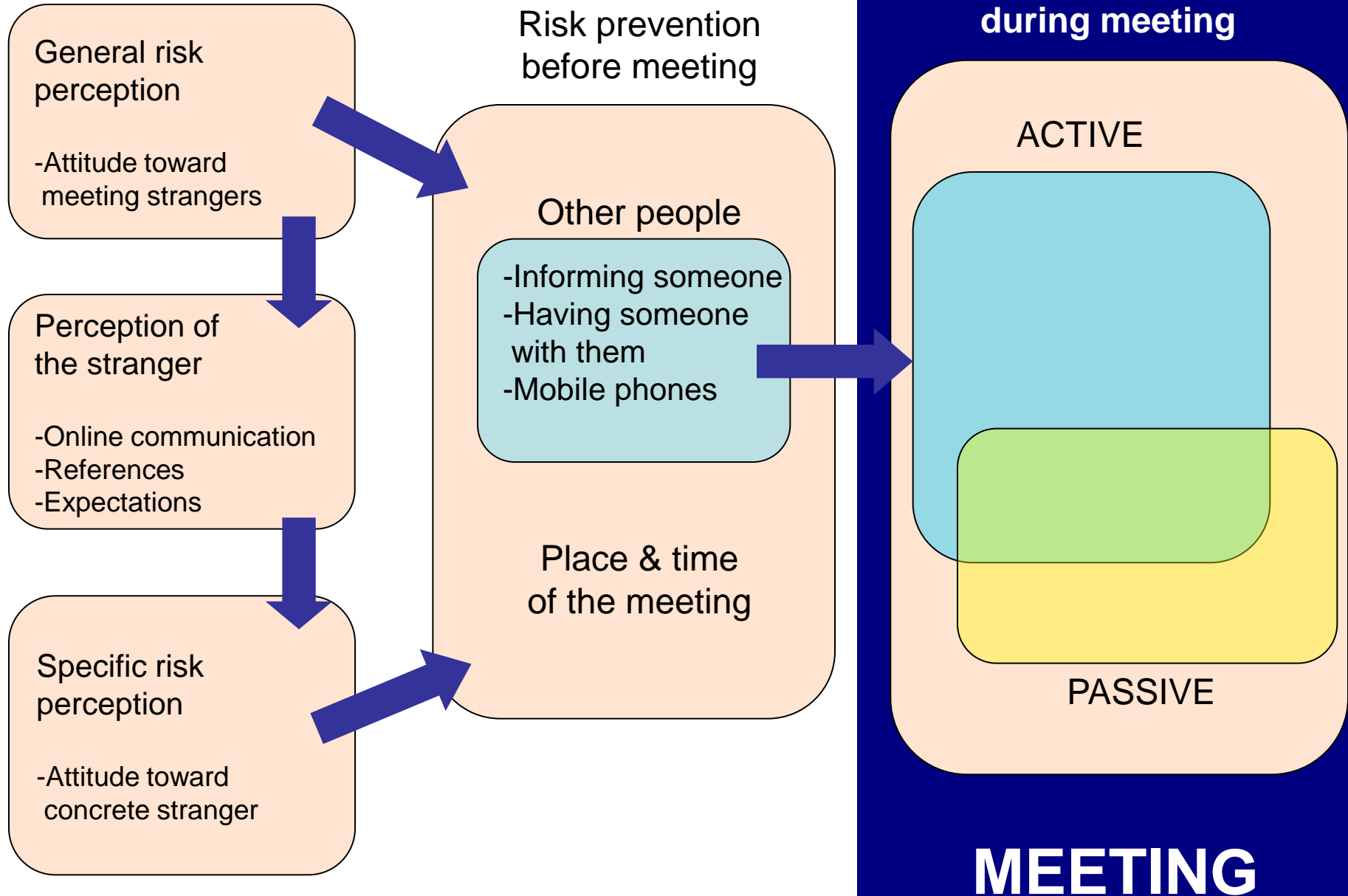
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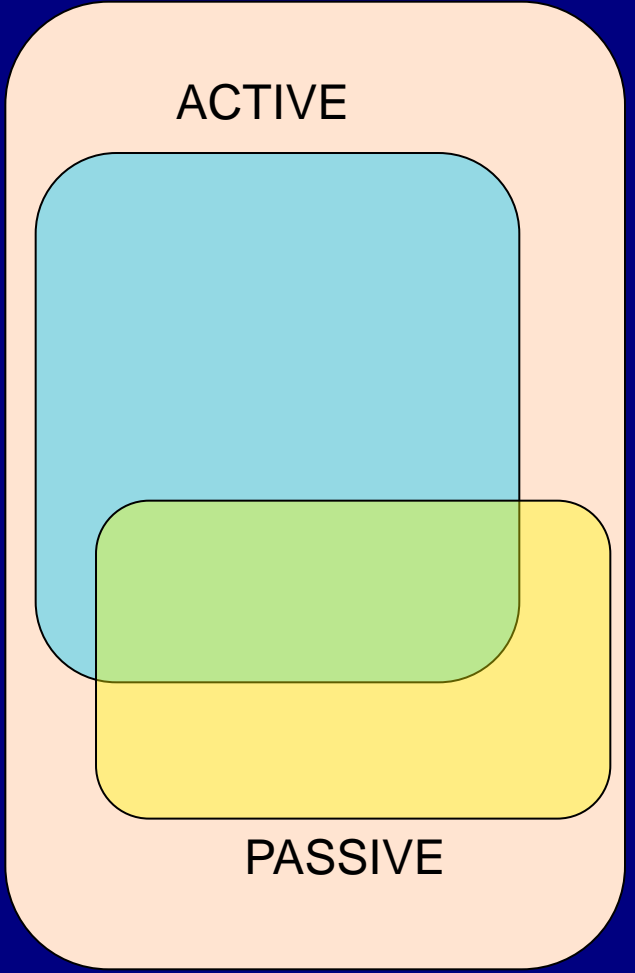
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**Risk prevention
during meeting**

ACTIVE



PASSIVE

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I kept checking if there are still other people in the bar... kept checking time and I kept looking at my coffee, played with spoon, moved the cup on the plate...

How did your friend react to that sms?

She called me after 30 minutes that she had a problem and I have to come.. If she would call sooner, it would be way too obvious

Risk prevention during meeting

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I told him I was tired and want to go to sleep and kept turning away from him... And I kept telling myself "only a short time till you go home, you can go through it.."

And how did you felt then...?

...embarrassed, bored and I wanted to go home. But I couldn't tell him "sorry, boy, you're horrible, I'm leaving!", could I?

Why couldn't you?

It would be awkward, I don't know...

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- Keeping the distance
- Chancing conversation themes
- Avoiding eye contact
- Passive resistance

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- Rather they act indirectly and passively wait till the end of the meeting

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- This should change

If you don't like the meeting, say it and leave.

Prepare excuse to leave in advance.

Thank you for your attention.

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	Age of the girl	Expected age of the stranger	Actual age of the stranger	Negative experience
1	15	23	23	he wanted sex, but took her home when she insisted
2	17	21	looked younger (19)	different than expectations, rude, lied on the internet about his education
3	14	15-16	15-16	different than expectations, tried to kiss her, hold her hand
4	15	17	17	kept trying to kiss her, told her he loved her, did not listen to her, talked about future together
5 A	15	didn't know	20, looked younger on photo	his friends suddenly appeared, smoked weed, did not pay attention to her
5 B	15	16	16	drugged and raped her
6	15	20	looked older (25), but probably 20	handsome and younger on pictures, different in reality
7	15	21	21	kept trying to go away from people, tried to touch her, hold hand
8	14	17	17	looked creepy, too close to her, trying to kiss her
9	14	18	18	rude, different than expectations, paid more attention to her friend
10	15	25	50	old, she went away immediately
11	15	19	19	kept kissing her, she did not like it but meeting continued
12	14	20	20	kept kissing her, touching her, held her hand, would not let go
13	17	25	35	older than expected, she got scared immediately but went to coffee with him
14	15	19	19	kissing she did not want, told her she was young and stupid