

Title THE EXPERIENCES OF UNSAFE-SEX PRACTICES
IN FEMALE ADOLESCENTS

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ABSTRACT

A phenomenological study aimed to understand meanings, and experiences of unsafe-sex practices based on perspectives of female adolescents who were less than 18 years old and had experiences with unsafe-sex practices. Data of fourteen females lived in Amphur Maung, Phetchabun province were collected by in-depth interview with tape record. All interviews were transcribed verbatim and analyzed using content analysis of Colaizzi.

The study findings showed that female adolescents gave meanings of unsafe sex in 5 themes including; premarital sexual relationship, carelessly protected sexual intercourse, sexual relationship without knowing that their couple had STDs, sexual relationship inducing problems and sufferings, and sexual relationship caused losing good chances in life. In case of experiences of unsafe-sex practices, 3 topics were summarized. Firstly, sexual relationships which conduct unsafe-sex practices were demonstrated in 5 characteristics; relationship inducing un-expected sexual intercourse, continuing relationship until lacking of self control, relationship underlying emotional rather than reasons, unexposed relationship, and relationships began with love and ended with suffering. Secondly, the three supporting factors of unsafe-sex practices were composed of precarious situations, drinking alcohol, and group in-trends. Lastly, the following impacts of unsafe-sex practices were categorized in 3 issues; social stigmatization, family burdens, and physical and emotional distress.