

Suicide Prevention Resources to support Joint Commission Accredited organizations implementation of NPSG 15.01.01

EP3,4 -	Validated/	Evidence- Based Suicide Risk Assessment Tools
Tools	Brief Description	

to 2. The ratings are then summed to yield a total score, which ranges from 0 to 38. Individual items assess characteristics such as wish to die, desire to make an active or passive suicide attempt, duration and frequency of ideation, sense of control over making an attempt, number of deterrents, and amount of actual preparation for a contemplated attempt. The SSI-W takes approximately 10 minutes to administer. (extract from Brown 2003 , pg 7).

Although the SSI-W has been used less frequently than the SSI, the reliability and validity of this measure have been established.

Evidence:

Brown, G. (2003). A review of suicide assessment measures for intervention research with adults and older adults. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Mental Health. <https://go.edc.org/Brown2003>

Beck, A. T., Brown, G. K., & Steer, R. A. (January 01, 1997).

Evidence:

Brown, G. (2003). A review of suicide assessment measures for intervention research with adults and older adults. Bethesda, MD: National Institute of Mental Health. <https://go.edc.org/Brown2003>

Kreuzer E and Lamis D 2017 A Review of Psychometrically Tested Instruments Assessing Suicide Risk in Adults OMEGA—Journal of Death and Dying 2018, Vol. 77(1) 36-90