



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** Women's Experience with Battering Scale

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Smith, P. H., Earp, J., & DeVellis, R. (1995). Measuring battering: Developing the women's experience with battering (WEB) scale. *Women's Health: Research on Gender, Behavior, and Policy*, 1(4), 273-288.

**POPULATION:** heterosexuals, women, students, youth, elderly, general population.

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

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**SCORING:** Score range 10-60; Reverse code the necessary items, sum all the numbers representing the women's level of agreement or disagreement with each scale item. Higher scores indicate higher levels of psychological vulnerability.

**SURVEY ITEMS:**

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**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Full sample Cronbach's  $\alpha = .99$ ; Battered women Cronbach's  $\alpha = .93$ ; Nonbattered women Cronbach's  $\alpha = .86$

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**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** The following method were used to assess validity:

Content validity

- Qualitative research with target population
- Expert review of possible items

Construct validity:

- WEB & Physical abuse; psychological abuse; self-esteem; marital satisfaction; locus of control; depression; anxiety; perceived health status

Discriminant validity

- WEB & Social desirability scale

Known-group validity

- Battered women and non-battered women

### **FACTOR ANALYSIS:**

Factor analysis yielded 1 factor.

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