

Development of a Drug Use Resistance Self-efficacy (DURSE) Scale

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Objectives: To develop and evaluate psychometric properties of a new instrument, the drug use resistance self-efficacy (DURSE) scale, designed for young adolescents. **Methods:** Scale construction occurred in 3 phases: (1) initial development, (2) pilot testing of preliminary items, and (3) final scale administration among a sample of seventh graders (n=223) to examine psychometric properties. **Results:** DURSE items appeared to tap a

unique dimension of resistance self-efficacy. Initial psychometric properties of the scale were satisfactory. **Conclusions:** The DURSE scale may offer an opportunity to measure important, as yet untapped, constructs related to adolescents' abilities to refuse substance use in social contexts.

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