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The purposes of this study were to investigate the relationship among socio-economic factors, knowledge, attitudes, and sexual risk behaviors including the relationship between sexual risk behaviors and sexual intercourse of high school students in the Bangkok Metropolis. The questionnaires developed by the researcher were responded by 400 fourth to sixth level high school students from government schools. All questionnaires were returned. The data were then analyzed in terms of percentages, means, and standard deviations. The t-test, One-way ANOVA and Chi-square test were also applied.

The findings were as follows :

1. In general, the sex education knowledge of the upper secondary school students was in the middle level.
2. In general, the attitudes concerning sexual risk behaviors of the upper secondary school students were positive.
3. In general, the sexual risk behaviors of the upper secondary school students were in the lowest level.
4. Sexual risk behaviors (alcoholic consumption, going to entertainment venues, reading pornographic materials, watching pornographic movies/videos, holding hands with the opposite sex, petting) and socio-economic factors (sex, age, education level and monthly allowance.) were found significantly related at the .05 level.
5. Sexual risk behaviors and the attitudes towards sexual risk behaviors of the secondary school students were found significantly related at the .05 level.
6. Sexual risk behaviors and sexual intercourse of the upper secondary school students were found significantly related at the .05 level

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