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The purpose of this research was to study factors related to sexual abstinence among late adolescent females in Bangkok metropolitan area. The participants were 377 female students, 155 female highschool students and 222 female vocational college students in academic year 2003. The subjects were selected by purposive sampling technique. Factors were monthly allowance, sex education, attitudes toward premarital sex, parents' marital status, family socioeconomic status, family relationships, communication with family about sex, present residence, having close friends who had sexual intercourse, and sources of sex information.

A self-administered questionnaire was used in this study, it divided into two parts. The first part included personal information. The second part contained assessment of sex education, attitudes toward premarital sex, family relationships, and communication with family about sex. The data were analyzed with descriptive statistics and logistic regression analysis.

Findings of the study revealed that factors significantly related to sexual abstinence were having fewer close friends who had sexual intercourse, disapproval attitudes toward premarital sex, having good knowledge about sex education, and having good family relationships ($p < 0.01$). Those factors could predict sexual abstinence rate with 73.20 %.