

Risk Knowledge Index

Instructions: Below are several descriptions dealing with the extent to which you are now aware of the risks involved. Please use the scale below to rate the degree to which each statement applies to your perceptions about your knowledge of the risk(s):

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5

- 1. I know the risks involved.
- 2. I do not feel knowledgeable about the risks involved.
- 3. The risks involved are very clear to me.
- 4. I do not know the risks involved.
- 5. I do not comprehend the risks involved.
- 6. My knowledge of the risks involved is limited.
- 7. I completely understand the risks involved.
- 8. I feel knowledgeable about the risks involved.
- 9. I comprehend the risks involved.
- 10. The risks involved are not clear to me.

SCORING: To compute your scores follow the instructions below:

1. Step One: Add scores for items 1, 3, 7, 8, & 9.
Step Two: Add scores for items 2, 4, 5, 6, & 10.
Step Three: Add 30 to Step 1.
Step Four: Subtract the score for Step two from the score for Step Three.

Interpreting Your Score.

Scores on the Risk Knowledge Index should be between 10 and 50. Individuals with scores above 40 are considered to have a high perceived understanding of a risk, and individuals with scores below 40 are considered to have a low perceived understanding a risk.

- NOTE – The mean for perceived knowledge tends to be fairly high.

Source:

Wrench, J. S. (2007). The influence of perceived risk knowledge on risk communication. *Communication Research Reports*, 24, 63-70.
