

## **Self injurious in mental retardation: a review**

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This study reports a review of the contributions concerning self injurious behavior and mental retardation.

The different definitions of self injurious behaviors and the prevalence of these behaviors in mental retardation both in general and within its various levels, are examined.

This work summarizes a series of studies concerning the origin, the development, as well as the different types, frequencies and localization of self injurious behaviors, as emerged from research conducted on mental retardation.

A relevant part of the work focuses on the etiological hypotheses and on the different interpretive models derived from the main lines of research.

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