

## **USER REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

### **Web Version 1.1 (2013)**

#### **PERMISSION**

The authors have made available the ARMIDILO-S for no charge to developmental disability service, mental health, and correctional professionals. The ARMIDILO-S and supporting materials are not to be redistributed for any other commercial purpose without the expressed written permission of the authors.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Practitioners who wish to use the ARMIDILO-S are not required to hold a university degree, but should have a basic understanding of risk factors related to sexual offense recidivism and principles of psychological assessment. The practitioner also should have specific training related to the use of the particular actuarial test that will be implemented as part of this assessment process. Training on actuarial measures is often provided on a regular basis by measure developers or as part of national conferences (e.g., ATSA's annual conference). Prior to using the ARMIDILO-S the user must carefully read the manual and complete training related to scoring, interpretation, and utilization of assessment results for client management. Finally, the developers of the ARMIDILO-S recommend that individuals who want to use the instrument in situations that could entail defending an assessment or case management decisions in court take formalized training in the instrument from someone who has been trained in the use of the instrument following the training recommendations of the authors.

#### **TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that training programs for the use of the ARMIDILO-S include:

1. A review of the nature of risk assessment, intellectual disability, and the types of violence that may be committed by individuals with an intellectual disability.
2. A comprehensive discussion of the individual items and the recommended assessment procedure, including scoring case reports.
3. A discussion of the interpretation of the test results and the integration of the results into treatment or case management reports.
4. It should be noted that completion of at least five ARMIDILO scorings under supervision are generally required to develop a competency for the instrument.

While some of the authors routinely provide training, we do not insist that ARMIDILO-S users are trained or "accredited" by the authors. We encourage trained users to train those they work with in institutional and community settings. If any organization desires training from one of the author group, they may contact one of us using the information in the "Contact Us" section of the website.

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## **LIABILITY**

Anyone who uses the ARMIDILO-S or guidelines outlined assumes sole responsibility for how they use the instrument. The authors do not accept responsibility or legal liability for any damages or injury that may result from the use of the ARMIDILO-S and the guidelines outlined.