

## ABSTRACT

### Description of Adolescents' Level of Knowledge on Premarital Sex at SMA Negeri

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*Premarital sex among adolescents remains a reproductive health problem that can lead to various negative impacts, including unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, as well as social and psychological problems. Adolescents are in a developmental phase that makes them vulnerable to risky behaviors when not supported by adequate knowledge. This study aimed to describe the level of adolescents' knowledge regarding premarital sex at SMA Negeri 1 Susut. This study employed a quantitative descriptive design with a cross-sectional approach. The study population consisted of all students at SMA Negeri 1 Susut, with a total sample of 246 respondents selected using proportionate stratified random sampling. Data were collected using a questionnaire on knowledge of premarital sex, covering definitions, risks of unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and social and psychological impacts. Data analysis was conducted using univariate analysis. The results showed that the majority of respondents had a good level of knowledge, with 209 respondents (85%), followed by a moderate level of knowledge in 33 respondents (13.4%) and a poor level of knowledge in 4 respondents (1.6%). These findings indicate that adolescents at SMA Negeri 1 Susut generally have a good understanding of premarital sex. Nevertheless, efforts to maintain and improve the quality of knowledge are still needed. Therefore, reproductive health education should be implemented in a sustainable, structured, and comprehensive manner through the involvement of schools, healthcare providers, and parental support so that adolescents' knowledge can be applied in healthy and responsible behaviors.*

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