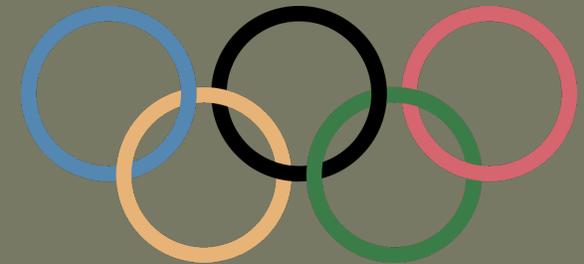


ADVANCING SAFE SPORT
THROUGH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND
SAFETY: REFUGEE ATHLETES' EXPERIENCES OF
SAFE SPORT WITHIN NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL CANADIAN SPORT CONTEXTS

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Background

Safety can be objective or subjective (Alli, 2008; Nilsen et al., 2004)

Occupational health and safety and safety in sport (Schinke et al., 2021)

Forced migration and elite athletes (Michelini, 2020)

Violence within Canadian sport environments (Willson et al., 2021)

Safe sport in Canada

Gaps in Theory and Practice



Demographical limitations

- Canadian-born athletes



Theoretical gaps

- Informed by the experiences of abuse



Knowledge translation

- Practical applications
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Current project

Provide an opportunity for refugee athletes to share their experiences of safety within Canadian sports.

Through an occupational health and safety perspective, create a multi-dimensional and cultural understanding of safe sport within Canadian sports.

Arts-based conversational interviews with 14 National and international refugee athletes.

Currently undertaking a reflective thematic analysis to create themes (Braun & Clarke, 2019)

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