Fear in children with visual impairments from the perspective of their parents

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The aim of this study was to investigate fear in children with visual impairments (VI) from the perspective of their parents. The study was conducted in Jordan. One hundred and eight parents were surveyed. Results revealed that the main fear contents in children with VI are fear of voices and social communication fears. There were no statistically significant differences between male and female children. Fear content differed as a function of age: six-year-olds feared certain factors more than five-year-olds; seven-year-olds feared the same factors more than six-year-olds. Furthermore, first-born children fear social communication significantly more than later-born children. Finally, various domains differed significantly according to disability severity.

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