

Effects of Age: Detection of Emotion  
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Abstract

Age differences were examined in affective processing, in the context of a visual search task. Young and older adults were faster to detect emotional images compared with sterile images. Younger adults were faster to detect positive images compared with other categories. In contrast, older adults exhibited an overall detection advantage for emotional images compared with neutral images. Together, these findings suggest that older adults do not display valence-based effects on affective processing at relatively automatic stages.

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