

Sample Consent Language

Online Consent Form

[name]
[your email address]

[Title of Survey]

You are invited to take part in a research survey about [fill in topic of study]. Your participation will require approximately [fill in your best estimate] minutes and is completed online at your computer. There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this survey. [List any benefits to either the participant or academic knowledge more broadly. It is fine to include incentives such as a raffle for gift certificates here. Do not list benefits to yourself, such as completion of your thesis.] Taking part in this study is completely voluntary. If you choose to be in the study you can withdraw at any time without adversely affecting your relationship with anyone at [your organization]. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential, and digital data will be stored in secure computer files. Any report of this research that is made available to the public will not include your name or any other individual information by which you could be identified. If you have questions or want a copy or summary of this study's results, you can contact the [name] at the email address above. Please feel free to print a copy of this consent page to keep for your records.

Clicking the "Next" button below indicates that you are 18 years of age or older, and indicates your consent to participate in this survey. [Modify this sentence if the "click to continue" button is called something other than "Next" or if the participant needs to check a "Yes" box.]

PAPER SURVEY CONSENT FORM

[This consent paragraph should appear on the top of paper surveys; there is a separate template for online surveys. Please address all items in brackets, then delete the brackets. When you submit a proposal to the IRB, this consent information should already be integrated with your paper survey.]

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