

On-Line Informed Consent Template

The following is a template for informed consent of an on-line survey or questionnaire. *It is only a template and should be revised to specifically represent your study.*

You are being invited to take part in a research study designed to **[general description of the project]**. You are being invited to participate in the study because **[why they were chosen – 'you are a student in Art History' for example]**. You will be asked to **[complete this survey, respond to 5 prompts, etc.]** and your participation should take **[approximate time to complete survey]**. The potential risks of this study include **[embarrassment, emotional discomfort, or whatever potential risk is involved – or there are no anticipated risks to participating in this study]**. We do not know if you will benefit from being in this study, but we hope that, in the future, other people may benefit **[describe how others may benefit from the knowledge that will be gained]**. You **[will/will not]** be compensated for participating in this research study. **[Clearly describe any monetary or non-monetary compensation – extra credit, gift card drawing, etc.]** The information you provide during this research study will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. You may skip any questions you wish, and may choose to stop participating at any time. You must be 18 years or older to participate in this study. By proceeding to the on-line survey, you acknowledge that this study has been explained to you, and that you agree to participate.

Example On-Line Informed Consent

You are being invited to take part in a research study designed to determine if Truman students' perceptions of dorm living differs based on the size of their hometown and gender. You are being invited to participate because you are a Truman State University student who is currently living in an on-campus dorm. You will be asked to complete the following survey, which should take about 10 minutes. There are no foreseen risks of participating in this study. You will not benefit from participating in this study, but we hope that, in the future, others may benefit from knowing college students' expectations of dorm living. You will not be compensated for participating in this study. The information you provide during this research study will in no way be linked to your e-mail address or campus log-in. You may skip any questions you wish, and may choose to stop participating at any time. You must be 18 years or older to participate in this study. By proceeding to the on-line survey, you acknowledge that this study has been explained to you, and that you agree to participate.