



TEMPLATE 4 UNSIGNED CONSENT DOCUMENT FOR WEB-BASED ONLINE SURVEYS

45 CFR 46 117(c) In certain instances, an IRB may waive the requirement for the investigator to obtain a signed consent form for some or all subjects. In cases in which the documentation requirement is waived, the IRB may require the investigator to provide subjects with a written statement regarding the research.

Only the IRB can waive or modify the consent process. Researchers are not authorized to make this decision.

Please modify the following information as necessary.

Northeastern University, Department of:

Name of Investigator(s): *[Principal Investigator's name, Student Researcher's name]*

Title of Project:

Request to Participate in Research

We/I would like to invite you to participate in a web-based online survey. The survey is part of a research study whose purpose is _____. This survey should take about _____ *[minutes/hours/sessions/etc.]* to complete.

We/I are asking you to participate in this study because you are _____. **You must be at least 18 years old to take this survey.**

The decision to participate in this research project is voluntary. You do not have to participate and you can refuse to answer any question. Even if you begin the web-based online survey, you can stop at any time.

There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts to you for taking part in this study.

OR

The possible risks or discomforts of the study are minimal. You may feel a little *[uncomfortable/embarrassed/sad/tired/etc.]* answering *[personal/sensitive/many/etc.]* survey questions.

There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this study. However, your responses may help us learn more about _____.

You will not be paid for your participation in this study.

OR

[If participants will be paid or receive a gift, please state what the payment is and how it will be given. For example: As a token of our appreciation for completing the survey, you will be able to download a gift certificate for a free movie pass.]

Your part in this study is anonymous to the researcher(s). However, because of the nature of web based surveys, it is possible that respondents could be identified by the IP address or other electronic record associated with the response. Neither the researcher nor anyone involved with this survey will be capturing those data. Any reports or publications based on this research will use only group data and will not identify you or any individual as being affiliated with this project.

If you have any questions regarding electronic privacy, please feel free to contact Mark Nardone, IT Security Analyst via phone at 617-373-7901, or via email at privacy@neu.edu.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact _____ *[name and contact information]*, the person mainly responsible for the research. You can also contact *[name and contact information]*, the Principal Investigator.

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact Nan C. Regina, Director, Human Subject Research Protection, 960 Renaissance Park, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115. Tel: 617.373.7570, Email: irb@neu.edu. You may call anonymously if you wish.

By clicking on the survey link below you are indicating that you consent to participate in this study. Please print out a copy of this consent form for your records.

http://_____

Thank you for your time.

[Name of Investigator]