

SAMPLE Adult Consent form

You are being invited to participate in a research project by _____ and _____ from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This study will be conducted to determine whether Adults in Louisiana will participate in research. You were selected to participate in this study by taking names at random from the 1990 census of the State of Louisiana. We expect to be working on this study for approximately one year and will collect data from at least 11,000 Louisiana citizens.

You will be asked to answer the same questionnaire at two times: today and one month from today here in this location. It will take you about 30 Minutes if you fill out the form yourself or about 45 minutes if you are asked the questions by the research assistant.

You are under no obligation to participate in this research, it is your choice whether to be a part of the study or not. You may decide not to be a part of the study and even if you have accepted the questionnaire and have begun to fill it out you may stop and leave the study. Just return the unfinished questionnaire to the research assistant at the front of the room. There will be no bias or penalty from this agency, the State of Louisiana or the University of Louisiana at Lafayette if you decide not to participate or if you decide to stop participating in the research.

There is no particular benefit to you if you participate, but the researchers may learn what helps the people of Louisiana to participate in research. This project may allow important research to be done for the people of Louisiana in the future. The major risk to you is inconvenience in having to come back to this location two times and taking up your time filling out the forms.

The results of this research will be published in a professional journal after it has been completed but no personal information about any of the people who were included will be part of any of the reports. The forms you are filling out today and the form you will complete in one month will be destroyed after all the data has been entered into analysis. There is, as you may have noticed, a number on each page of each of the forms. These numbers will be used to keep the two sets of forms together for matching. Please do not place your name in any place but on the front of the booklet of forms. When you have filled out the second form we will give you back your front page to keep or destroy as you see fit. From this you will know that we do not have your name on file with your forms. If you have any questions about this research or your participation in the study you are welcome to call Dr. Alpha at 482-1234 and/or Ms. Beta 482 3456 at UL at Lafayette. We will make every effort to answer your questions.

CONSENT

I understand that I am participating in research and that the research has been explained to me so that I understand what I am doing. I understand that I may stop participating at any time.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Relationship if any _____

Reason for witnessing the form (ex: unable to read, signs with x) _____
