

INTERNET-BASED SURVEY CONSENT FORM

For anonymous Internet-based surveys, it is usually appropriate to use implied informed consent. Participants would still need to be presented with the consent information, but would be informed that their consent is implied by submitting the completed survey.

For confidential online surveys, researchers may place the consent in the survey and request the subject select an "I agree" or "I do not agree" checkbox.

Researchers conducting web-based research should be careful not to make guarantees of confidentiality or anonymity, as the security of online transmissions is in question. A statement in the informed consent form indicating the limits to confidentiality is typically required. The permitted by the technology used. Specifically, no guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the Internet. [\(http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/\)](http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/)

The UCM recommendation is that this data needs to be secured just like hard copies (locked and/or password protected), encrypted when transmitted, and regardless of how it is saved (on a server, hard drive, thumb drive, ect.) the data needs to be encrypted.

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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED

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