

Focus Group Consent

Instructions: Delete all boxes (using the border feature) once you have customized each section. Boxes will contain the following:

Guidance and Suggestions

This text includes formatting requirements and helpful reminders.

Sample Statements

Sample statements can be edited for inclusion in your consent form. Text in brackets indicate fields that you should replace with your own information.

Text outside the boxes is formatting that does not need to change. **All language should be written at a 6th grade reading level, free of jargon and written in concise lay language.**

Please note that focus groups require an additional layer of privacy protection, because the investigator cannot guarantee that the research subjects in the group will not reveal each other's contributions to the group discussion once it has ended.

Title of the Research Study:

Principal Investigator:

Guidance and Suggestions

This form should be accompanied by the media release form if audio/video is used to collect data.

Samples Statements

We are asking you to take part in a research study conducted by [list investigator's name] at Brigham Young University-Provo. [If you are a student investigator, also add that the study is being supervised by Professor XYZ, of the _____ department.]

We are holding a focus group of [3-4 people] to learn more about [briefly describe research]. The focus group will last about [XX minutes or hours]. The focus group will be [audio and/visually recorded].

You can skip questions that you do not want to answer or leave the group at any time.

We will keep the data we collect confidential, which means we will not share your personal information with anyone outside the research team.

We will ask you and the other people in the group to protect each research subject's privacy. Please do not discuss with anyone outside the group what any person said. However, we cannot guarantee that each research subject will keep the discussions private. Only the investigator will have access to the data collected. Any audio tapes/files of the focus group will be destroyed after [one year or at the end of the study]; transcripts will not contain any identifying information and

will be kept for future analysis. [If excerpts and/or direct quotes be used in publications/presentations, inform research subjects and ask their permission to do so.]

Questions? Please contact [list contact's name] at [contact info]. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject, you can call the Human Research Protection Program at 801-422-1461 or BYU.HRPP@byu.edu.