



DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR ETHICS APPROVAL?

If your research involves any of the following:

- A vulnerable or dependent population (e.g. children, mentally disabled)
- A situation where participants may feel obligated to take part, or participation may not be voluntary (e.g. students in a class, employees in their workplace, prisoners)
- Deception
- A survey / questionnaire
- Interviews
- Access to records that include personal information
- Observing people
- Any risk of creating psychological stress
- Any risk of identifying distressed or disturbed individuals
- Any risk to a participant's reputation
- Any risk that individuals or groups might suffer any economic loss by participating the study
- Any risk that individuals or groups might be stigmatized by participating in the study
- Any political or physical risk to a subject/researcher in an international setting (e.g. unauthorized contact with a foreigner)
- Any risk to the participant arising from confidentiality (e.g. might the information gathered be of concern to a law enforcement agency?) or lack thereof
- Any risk to the participant flowing from lack of anonymity
- Is there remuneration/compensation paid to a participant

You probably will have to submit an application for an ethics review. If in doubt, consult with the Chair of the Ethics Board.

If you are an undergraduate student, contact the faculty supervisor of your research.