

## Oral Consent Script to Participate in Research

Good morning (or afternoon/evening). Would you be interested in participating in a research project I am conducting at the University of Oklahoma? We would like you to participate because you were affected by the tornado.

We are conducting this research project because we are hoping to learn more about what happens to buildings and what people do during tornadoes. Up to 500 people will participate. If you agree to participate, I will be asking you to tell me your story. This should take about 5 to 20 minutes. If you agree to it, I would also like to ask your child to tell me their story of what happened. (They will still be able to say No if they don't want to talk about it.)

Your participation in this research doesn't involve any direct risks or benefits to you, but it could be distressing to talk about the recent tornado. Participation in this research may include close social contact with the researcher. According to the CDC ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Our research protocol includes precautions that follow the CDC guidelines and comply with the current state and/or local restrictions on allowable personal interactions.

We will be sharing your damage descriptions with the engineers and/or meteorologists studying the tornado, but the rest of your story will be kept secure and confidential, only shared anonymously along with the other survivor's stories. After removing all identifiers, we might share your data with other researchers or use it in future research without obtaining additional consent from you.

Only NOAA or the University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus Institutional Review Board will be able to look at the raw data. If you have any questions about your rights as a participant or any concerns or complaints regarding your participation, you can contact us at: Daphne LaDue: [dzaras@ou.edu](mailto:dzaras@ou.edu) or 405-325-1898, Lara Mayeux: [lmayeux@ou.edu](mailto:lmayeux@ou.edu) or 405-325-3497, or OU's IRB at 405-325-8110 or [irb@ou.edu](mailto:irb@ou.edu).

Before you agree to participate, remember that your participation is completely voluntary, you don't have to answer any question, and you can stop at any time. If you do choose to participate and then change your mind, you won't be penalized in any way. Finally, if you would like a printed copy of the information I've just read to you, you are welcome to have this one.

Is it okay if we record this conversation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

When we talk or write about this research may we quote your words exactly? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to share your contact information in case we would like to ask follow-up questions? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is it okay for me to ask your child(ren) to tell me their story about the tornado? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_



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