

Oral Consent Script: Regional Differences in Protective Actions

Good morning/afternoon/evening. Would you be interested in participating in a research project we are conducting at the University of Oklahoma? We'd like you to participate because you were affected by the tornado / thunderstorm.

We're conducting this research project because we are hoping to learn more about what it's like to experience (a tornado / a high-end thunderstorm). About 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.

There is no compensation for participating in this study.

There are some risks in participating. First, it could be distressing to talk about the recent tornado/storm. We are providing you with information on the Disaster Distress Helpline and how to find a local therapist trained in trauma. Second, participation in this research may include close social contact with the researcher. According to the CDC (www.cdc.gov), the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Our research protocol includes precautions that follow the CDC guidelines and comply with the current state and/or local restrictions on allowable personal interactions.

All of the information I'm collecting will be kept secure and confidential, and only us researchers or the University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus Institutional Review Board will be able to look at it. The only exception to this is if you tell us that you are harming someone—we have to report that to an authority. Your data will also be shared with a professional transcription service that has its own privacy protocols for keeping your information confidential.

After removing all identifiers, we might share a partial transcript of our conversation with other researchers or use it in future research without obtaining additional consent from you.

To preserve your responses, they will be recorded on an audio recording device.

Do you agree for your interview to be audio recorded? _____ (note response)

Do you agree to being quoted directly / using your exact words? _____ (note response)

May we contact you again to gather additional information? _____ (note response)

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. We are giving you a printed copy of this information along with other information about how to cope with storm anxiety and build stronger, more resilient homes.

If we talk via Zoom or other video-call platform, please note that this platform is not hosted by OU and has its own privacy and security policies for keeping your information confidential. Please note no assurance can be made as to the use of the data you provide for purposes other than this research



If you have any questions about your rights as a participant or any concerns or complaints regarding your participation, you can contact Lara Mayeux at 405-410-5842 or lmayeux@ou.edu, Daphne LaDue at 405-246-8281 or dzaras@ou.edu, or Terri Adams at 202-806-6700 or tadams-fuller@howard.edu. If you have concerns or complaints about this research and don't want to talk to the researchers directly, you can contact the Oklahoma Institutional Review Board (IRB) at irb@ou.edu.

