

Requirements for a Script

By definition, “exempt” research is exempt from the requirement for a signed consent form. Nevertheless, the ethical principles listed in the Belmont Report, particularly the discussion of the first principle, respect for persons, emphasizes the importance of ensuring that subjects are fully informed about the nature of the research project so that they can make an informed decision to participate or not. An “informational script,” provides that kind of information.

This material was written so that it could be attached to a questionnaire that is distributed to a classroom of students. Phone scripts, introductory letters, or face-to-face scripts should be modified as needed.

