



Policy # REB-POL-03	Video Images and Research		
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Purpose: This policy describes the general requirements for the use of video images in research.

Policy: Video images are considered identifiable information. Special care must be taken when video is to be used in research.

Access to the Video Images

The protocol (study detail) and consent form must state who will have access to the recordings (e.g. Principal Investigator (PI), collaborators, research staff etc.).

Maintenance of Confidentiality

The protocol (study detail) and consent form must state the methods used to protect the participant's identity. If the PI plans to distort images or voices, this should be stated in the protocol (study detail) and consent form.

Note: Images and/or voices of individuals under the age of majority except emancipated minors and SFU students should be altered so as to prevent identification. Researchers must provide a detailed explanation and rationale if he/she plans to depart from this normal practice. The storage and use of unaltered images must be clearly explained in the parent/guardian consent form and the minor assent form.

Storage and Destruction of the Video Images

The form in which the images will be stored (e.g. hard drive, video card, USB stick, etc.) must be disclosed in the protocol.

The eventual fate of the video images must also be disclosed in the protocol (study detail) and consent form (i.e. where and for how long they will be stored and if/how they will be destroyed).

Future Use of Video Images for Research Purposes

The protocol (study detail) must state all known future uses of the data and any potential future uses of the video images. The participant must be given the option to consent to or to withhold consent from future uses of the video images.



Future Use of Video Images for Non-Research Related Purposes

The protocol (study detail) must address if there is anticipated future use of the video images outside the research study component and if so, a separate release agreement will be signed by the PI (producer) with participants for the subsequent and separate use of the images, with Simon Fraser University not being party to the agreement. The protocol (study detail) must clearly state that the standard consent for the research video images will be obtained prior to, and separate from, the participant being offered any opportunity to sign a separate release agreement for the commercial use of the video images. Any financial or other incentive to sign the release agreement for the commercial use of the video images must not be made known to participants until after they have consented to the research component. This process ensures that the potential participants are not unduly influenced to participate in the study. .

Consent Form Requirements

The consent form must be very clear regarding what the participant is consenting to. TCPS 2, article 5.3 states “In disseminating findings, researchers shall not disclose identifiable information without the consent of participants.” The consent form must state in clear and lay language the precise nature and scope of the consent, which is being given .by the participant.

In addition to the requirements listed above, the consent form should include the following list of yes or no questions at the end of the consent form, prior to the signature line, if applicable.

1. Do you wish to be video recorded?
2. If you wish to be video recorded, do you wish that your image/voice be distorted?
3. Do you permit the use of the video images in future research studies?
4. Do you permit the use of your video image in public dissemination (thesis, papers, conference presentations etc.) directly related to this research project (NOTE: Due to the nature of digital video images, once the video image is disseminated to the public, the researcher does not have any control over how the video images are distributed and/or used?)

Note: If individuals under the age of majority except emancipated minors and SFU students are to be recruited in the study and images are to be obtained during the conduct of the study, parental/guardian consent must be obtained and depending on the age of the minors (7+ years), the assent of the minor must be obtained.



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References: The Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2, Chapter 10, Part A).