## INTERNET-BASED SURVEY CONSENT FORM

For anonymous Internet-based surveys, it is usually appropriate to use implied informed consent. Participants would still need to be presented with the consent information, but would be informed that their consent is implied by submitting the completed survey.

For confidential online surveys, researchers may place the consent in the survey and request the subject select an "I agree" or "I do not agree" checkbox.

Researchers conducting web-based research should be careful not to make guarantees of confidentiality or anonymity, as the security of online transmissions is in question. A statement in the informed consent form indicating the limits to confidentiality is typically required. The tained to the degree permitted by the technology used. Specifically, no guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the Inter (http://www.research.psu.edu/orp/)

The UCM recommendation is that this data needs to be secured just like hard copies (locked and/or password protected), encrypted when transmitted, and regardless of how it is saved (on a server, hard drive, thumb drive, ect.) the data needs to be eoutint for the data needs to be eouting the data needs to

- 6. Explanation of any risks. Examples of risks include risk of injury or illness, emotional distress, or loss of privacy.
- Description of benefits to the subjects or to others. Benefits could include various types of payment or compensation as well as less tangible benefits (e.g., improved understanding of research, learning about oneself).
- 8. Information on who to contact with questions about the study.
  9. Informa WLRQ RQ KRZ WR FRQWDFW WKH SHUVRQ GHVLJQDWH rights. (Research Compliance Officer-660-543-8562).

ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED

- 10. If the research involves a treatment or medical procedure, a statement that the treatment may involve risks that are currently unforeseeable.
- 11. \$ GHVFULSWLRQ RI DQ\ FLUFXPVWDQFHV LQ ZKLFK WKH V the investigator.
- Any additional costs that may result to the subject as a result of participating.
  A description of how subjects may withdraw from participation and any consequences of withdrawing.
- 14. \$ VWDWHPHQW WKDW DQ\ QHZ ILQGLQJV WKDW PLJKW DII participating will be provided to the subject. 15. The approximate number of subjects involved.