

SOC293 Question 4

- Respect for persons – Respect the autonomy, decision-making and dignity of participants.
- Beneficence – Minimizing the risks (physically, psychologically and socially) and maximizing the benefits to research participants.
- Justice – Participants should be selected from groups of people whom the research may benefit.
- Respect for communities – Protect and respect the values and interests of the community as a whole and protect the community from harm.
- Use self-addressed, stamped envelopes for returning mail surveys to avoid identifiable information.
- Require staff to sign a pledge of confidentiality.
- Train staff on appropriate use of data and ethical concerns.
- Use the information collected only for the intended purpose of the study.
- Avoid undue intrusion. Do not collect data that has already been collected.
- Do not harass or repeatedly ask the members of the sample to respond. Encourage participation in a positive, non-threatening way.
- Be honest with the potential respondents regarding all aspects of the project.
- Consider the sensitivity of the information during collection. For example, teachers in a classroom should not collect the teaching evaluations for their own class.
- Be clear and concise in the introduction so that respondents are fully informed.
- Be aware of cultural and social differences relating to the topic of the project and wording of questions.
- Obtain the consent of a parent or guardian before collecting survey information from minors.