

Research Project Information Sheet (Survey)



Evaluating Incident Prevention Methods in Led Outdoor Activities Ethics Approval Number: A201510

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Project Background

The Understanding and Preventing Led Outdoor Accidents Data System (UPLOADS) is a sector-wide incident reporting system designed to collect data on participation and incidents that occur during led outdoor activities (LOA), and support the development of appropriate safety intervention strategies to reduce adverse incidents during LOA.

Research Purpose

The purpose of this study is to evaluate six different safety interventions that have been developed by members of the LOA community in response to a series of injuries sustained during hiking activities.

Participation and Eligibility

Eligible participants will be from either the LOA sector or experts in safety science. Participants from the LOA sector are required to be employed in roles within safety management, program design, and/or involved in the development of safety interventions within organisations that deliver LOA. The safety science experts will be eligible based on whether they have a professional role within the field of safety (i.e., industry practitioner) and/or work in the context of safety science research.

To participate, you will be provided with an incident scenario and context and asked to evaluate six intervention strategies against the following criterion: efficacy, impact, feasibility, acceptability, monitoring, and sustainability. It is estimated that participation will take between one and three hours of your time.

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Consent

Consent is for your data and information to be collected, stored, and used in analysis and publications in a non-identifiable format. Consent is sought for this project and for related, ethics approved, projects that may be undertaken by other research teams.

Privacy, Confidentiality and Results

Any data collected as a part of this research project will be stored securely as per USC's Research Data Management Procedures. All identifying details will be removed prior to storage.

All comments and responses will be treated confidentially unless required by law. The results of this research project may be presented at external or internal conferences or meetings, or by publication. If you would like a summary of findings of this research project, please contact the Chief Investigator (listed above).

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Benefits and Risks

It is not anticipated that this research project will directly benefit you, but we appreciate your input as a contribution to the discipline. The research team have identified the following risks and have provided the risk management strategies implemented to mitigate these risks.

- Participation requires between one and three hours of your time. Therefore, we have allocated three weeks for you to work through the workbook at times suitable to you.
- To ensure that there are no postage costs associated with participating, the research team will provide a self-addressed and pre-paid envelope for the you to return the workbooks.

Funding

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Concerns or Complaints

If you have any concerns or complaints about the way this research project is being conducted you can raise them with the Chief Investigator (Professor Paul Salmon, psalmon@usc.edu.au; +61 7 5456 5893). If you prefer an independent person, contact the Chairperson of the USC Human Research Ethics Committee: (c/- Office of Research, University of the Sunshine Coast, Maroochydore DC 4558; telephone (07) 5430 2823; email humanethics@usc.edu.au).

Thank you for consideration of this study. Please keep this sheet for your information.