

Attachment I

Consent Documents

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH)
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY
Home Care Worker Version

You have been asked to participate in a NIOSH research study. We explain here the nature of your participation, describe your rights, and specify how NIOSH will treat your records.

I. DESCRIPTION

1. Title:

Evaluation of a homecare worker educational program

2. Sponsor and/or Project Director:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Sherry Baron (Project Officer)

3. Purpose of Research:

NIOSH has been working with your union, with the Alameda County Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services and the University of California to develop a training program and safety handbook for homecare workers in Alameda County. This project is aimed at improving safety for home care workers and for their consumers.

Benefits of Research:

For your participation in this study you will be receiving a copy of the home care workers handbook and will be participating in a training program. There are no other direct benefits to you from taking part in this study.

II. CONDITIONS OF THE STUDY

1. Procedures that we will use:

We will conduct an interview with you now that will last about 30 minutes. An interviewer will read you each survey question over the telephone and will then type your answer into the computer. In about two months we will conduct another telephone interview that will also last about 30 minutes. You will also be participating in a training program where you will receive the new Home care workers Safety Handbook and be taught how to use it. The training program will take place in Alameda County and will last about an hour. You will have a choice a couple of different weekday or weekend times for the training. The surveys will ask you questions about your work as a home care worker, about your safety and about any injuries you may have had working as a home care

worker. If you do not want to answer a question, just say so, and we will move on to the next one. You may also stop the interview at any time.

For your participation in the whole program you will receive \$80 in the form of grocery gift cards. You will receive \$20 at the completion of this survey and the remainder once you have completed the second survey and the training program. This is to reimburse you for the time you spent in taking part in this study.

2. Risks Associated with Participation:

The surveys will ask you questions about your work as a home care worker, your feeling about your safety working as a home care workers, and about injuries you may have had working as a home care worker. Some of the questions might make you feel uncomfortable and if you do not want to answer a question, just say so, and the interviewer will move on to the next one. You may also stop the interview at any time.

3. Injury or harm from this project is unlikely. But if it results, medical care is not provided, other than emergency treatment. If you are injured through negligence of a NIOSH employee you may be able to obtain compensation under Federal Law. If you want to file a claim against the Federal government your contact point is: Public Health Service Claims Office: (301) 443-1904. If you are injured or harmed through the negligence of a NIOSH contractor, your claim would be against the contractor, not the federal government. If an injury or harm should occur to you as the result of your participation, you also should contact: Sherry Baron, 513 458-7159 or Cheryl F. Estill, Chair NIOSH HSRB, 513-533-8591.
4. If you have questions about this research, contact Sherry Baron, 513- 458-7159. If you have questions about your rights as a member of this study, contact Cheryl F. Estill, Chair NIOSH Human Subjects Review Board, 513-533-8591
5. Your participation is voluntary and you may withdraw your consent and your participation in this study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

III. USE OF INFORMATION

This study is being done by The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a government agency in the Department of Health and Human Services. We collect this information in order to learn about various kinds of work hazards that may influence the health of the American worker and to help us develop better training materials.

NIOSH is allowed to collect and keep information about you, including your results from this study, because of three laws passed by Congress. These laws are:

1. The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C 241)
2. The Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 669)
3. The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 951)

We will be asking for your name, address and telephone number. This information will only be used to contact you for the interviews and to remind you about the training. Once the surveys and training are complete this identifying information will be destroyed so that your survey responses will be completely anonymous. All of the answers you give to the questions will be stored in a locked file cabinet, accessible only to project staff. All records we have that contain written information that could identify you will be destroyed at the end of the study, which is currently June 2011.

You will decide whether you want to provide us with this information by being in this study. You are free to choose not to be in this study. It is up to you. You should know, however, that there are conditions under the Privacy Act when we could be authorized to release this information to outside sources. These conditions under which we might release this information are listed on the back of this form.

SIGNATURES

I have read this consent form and received a copy of the conditions for data release under the Privacy Act (Appendix A). I agree to participate in this study.

PARTICIPANT _____ Age _____
(signature)

I, the NIOSH representative, have accurately described this study to the participant.

REPRESENTATIVE _____ Date _____
(signature)

Appendix A

The Information you provide will become part of the CDC Privacy Act System, 09-20-0147, “Occupational Health Epidemiological Studies and EEOICPA Program Records” and may be disclosed to

- Appropriate state or local health departments to report communicable diseases;
- A State Cancer Registry to report cases of cancer where the state has a legal reporting program providing for confidentiality;
- Private contractors assisting NIOSH;
- Collaborating researchers under certain circumstances to conduct further investigations;
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- The Department of Justice or the Department of Labor in the event of litigation;
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Oral consent for home care workers

Introduction and Purpose

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Procedures

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Benefits

For your participation in this study you will be receiving a copy of the home care workers handbook and will be participating in a training program. There are no other direct benefit to you from taking part in this study.

Risks/Discomforts

As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised; however, we are taking precautions to minimize this risk. You are free to decline to answer any questions you don't wish to, or to stop the interview at any time.

Confidentiality

Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. We will store the information from the survey in a locked cabinet located in the offices of NIOSH. We will not use your name or other identifying information in any reports or publications of our discussion.

When the research project is completed, we will save the survey data for use in future research. We will retain these records for up to 5 years after the project is over.

Rights

Participation in research is completely voluntary. You are free to decline to take part in the project. You can decline to answer any questions and are free to stop taking part in the project at any time. Whether or not you choose to participate in the research and whether or not you choose to answer a question or continue participating in the project, there will be no penalty to you or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you decide not to do it, it will not affect your job situation or your participation in the in home supportive services program.

Questions

If you have any questions about this project, you may call Sherry Baron from NIOSH at 513-458-7159.

If you have any questions about your rights or treatment as a research participant in this study, please contact the

Do you have any questions for me?

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Text of verbal consent for clients

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