

ATTACHMENT D: Radiation Risk Scale Participant Information Sheet

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
CDC Study
Radiation Risk Scale (Focus Group)

Information for Participants

Purpose of this survey

You are being asked to participate in a discussion being held by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the assistance of The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). In the discussion, you will be asked your opinions and practices regarding some information about a tool for radiation emergencies that might be provided to other people like you. Your answers can help efforts to provide accurate, helpful information to the public during a radiation emergency. The discussion will be recorded (audio only) to be sure we get all the information.

Procedures:

We have asked you to join a focus group (a group discussion). The discussion will take place in a professional research facility. During the discussion, you will be asked your opinions and practices regarding some information about a tool for radiation emergencies that might be provided to other people like you. The group will have up to eight people. All participants are live in communities near the research facility. A trained person will lead the discussion group. The total time involved in the interview, including instructions, will be no more than 90 minutes.

Please remember that:

You choose to participate.

You are not required to answer the questions.

This session should last about 90 minutes.

The session will not be video recorded.

You will receive \$40 as a token of appreciation for participating in the discussion.

You are free to leave at any time without penalty, and you will still receive the \$40 as a thanks.

Researchers will be observing the research project either in-person or remotely through live video streaming.

Risks

The risks of your participation are expected to be minimal. This means that the risks are not expected to be greater than the risks persons may normally find in their daily life.

Benefits

You may be better informed about a public health issue.

You may have a sense of satisfaction from contributing.

Your comments may help improve the information the public receives.

We will keep the information you give us private to the extent allowed by law. Your name will not be used in the final report. No statement you make will be linked to you by name. Only members of the research staff

will be allowed to look at the records. When we present this study or publish its results, your name or other facts that point to you will not show or be used.

Persons to Contact

If you have questions about this session, or taking part in it, you may call: Dr. Armin Ansari (770-488-3654) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA.

If you need more information about your rights as a study participant, you may contact:

Oak Ridge Site-Wide Institutional Review Board, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Oak Ridge, TN
865- 576-1725.