

Public Reporting burden of this collection of information is estimated at 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to CDC/ATSDR Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road NW, MS D-74, Atlanta, GA 30333; Attn: PRA (0920-XXXX).

### **Older Adult Safe Mobility Assessment Tool Development: Focus Group Consent & Screener**

#### INTRODUCTION & VERBAL CONSENT

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ from a research firm, and we are not selling anything. We are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a resource that can help people ages 60 or older protect their ability to get places they need to go as they age. We're looking for people to participate in a focus group that we'll be conducting in the coming weeks in INSERT CITY to get opinions about the resource so we can make improvements to it. The study will involve this discussion to see if you qualify and consent to participate; then you'll come to our focus group facility to participate in a 2-hour group discussion to get your feedback on the resource being developed. You will be provided with a thank you gift for participating in our study, which I will tell you more about in a moment.

First, I need to read to you some background on this study and ask for your consent to participate:

All information collected in this research will remain secure. We will take notes and record the focus group both on video and audio so that we can create a report, and that data will be kept in locked cabinets, separated from your name in order to keep it secure. For the purposes of reporting results from our research, the information you provide will be grouped with data that others provide, and your name will not be used for any reason. Your voice and image will not be played to others besides the research team without your written permission.

This **study is not designed to help you personally**; rather the research team hopes to use your and several other peoples' opinions to make improvements to the resource. Risks of your participation in the focus group are expected to be minimal in nature because discussion topics are focused on your opinions of a resource that can help people protect their ability to get places they need to go as they age. You are free to ask questions or withdraw from participation at any time and without penalty, and I can provide you with the lead investigator's contact information at any time upon your request.

Do you have any questions at this time?

Do you verbally consent to participate in this interview and agree to continue with our conversation? [IF NO] Would there be another time that would be more convenient for you? [IF YES, SCHEDULE FOLLOW UP SCREENING.]

May I ask you a few questions to see if you qualify to participate in the study? [IF YES, CONTINUE. IF NO, THANK AND TERMINATE].

Please tell me to which of the following age groups do you belong?

- a. Less than 60 years [ASK IF THERE IS ANYONE IN HOUSEHOLD WHO IS BETWEEN 60 AND 74. IF "YES", ASK TO SPEAK WITH THEM AND REINTRODUCE THE STUDY.]
- b. 60 to 74 years [CONTINUE]
- c. 75 or more years [ASK IF THERE IS ANYONE IN HOUSEHOLD WHO IS BETWEEN 60 AND 74. IF "YES", ASK TO SPEAK WITH THEM AND REINTRODUCE THE STUDY.]

Mix of male (n=2-3) and female (n=4-5) [DO NOT ASK UNLESS UNSURE.]

How would you describe your ability to get where you need to go today? Would you say it is...?

Very good

Good

Fair [ASK FOR CLARIFICATION; IF IT'S FOR HEALTH REASONS, TERMINATE. IF IT'S ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION, FINANCIAL OR OTHER, KEEP]

Poor [TERMINATE]

Great, you qualify for our study! We need to get participants from a mix of backgrounds, so we have a few more questions that help us do that.

Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

Yes

No

Which of the following best describes your race?

White

Black or African American

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native

Please identify which of the following ranges matches your total household income as best you know it.

Under \$25,000

Between \$25,001 and \$35,000

Between \$35,001 and \$50,000

Between \$50,001 and \$75,000

\$75,001 and \$125,000

Greater than \$125,000

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than high school

High school diploma/GED

Some college

4-year college degree  
Graduate degree/more than 4-year degree

Please tell me your marital status. Are you...?

Single  
Married  
Widowed  
Divorced

Great, we'd like to invite you to participate.

We are conducting the focus group on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm. Are you able to attend at that time?

COMPLETE INVITATION AND INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS