

# To Report A Human Research Concern

The University of Denver Institutional Review Board reviews any concerns or complaints involving the human participants in research or noncompliance with Federal regulations and University of Denver policies.

If you have witnessed or suspect non-compliance; if you have been part of any procedure that makes you uncomfortable or that you have a question about, the Research Compliance Office and the IRB want to hear from you. You may choose to submit your concern anonymously.

To the DU Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

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### Institutional Review Board (IRB) - for the Protection of Human Subjects

To conduct research that involves the use of human subjects, the University is required by federal mandate to have an assurance of compliance for protection of human research subjects. This assurance serves as the University of Denver's agreement with the government in promising that all individuals involved in human subjects research will be treated ethically.

Education on the protection of human research participants is required for all investigators conducting research involving human subjects. To access instructions on DU's on-line "Education Program For The Protection of Human Subjects in Research" go to:  
<http://www.du.edu/orsp/instructions.html>

The University's IRB policies and procedures are based upon the following:  
[University of Denver - Federal Wide Assurance](#)  
[Code of Federal Regulations for Protection of Human Subjects](#)  
[Code of Federal Regulations for Designated Member/Expedited Review Procedures of Human Subjects](#)  
[The Belmont Report](#)

Principal investigators should familiarize themselves with these documents prior to initiating research.

All projects conducted at the University of Denver by faculty, staff, and students that involve human subjects must be reviewed. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Projects with or without funding
- All projects that involve an outside collaboration (i.e., information/data sharing and/or data gathering)
- All applications being reviewed by an outside board
- Undergraduate projects including Partners in Scholarship (PINS), Master's Theses and Ph.D. Dissertations
- Research utilizing surveys, interviews, oral history
- Program evaluations
- Questionnaires
- Retrospective data analysis
- Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior
- Focus groups, pilot studies
- Classroom research projects
- "Exempt" projects (see [Exemption Categories](#))

[Click here for more information on the IRB Application & Review Process](#)

Contact [du-irb@du.edu](mailto:du-irb@du.edu) or 303-871-4052 to discuss:

- whether your project requires IRB review
- a possible "Exempt" application
- any other questions you may have about the IRB application and review process

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