



Police Stop Survey

Survey Information And Consent Form

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to explore the circumstances and experiences of being stopped by police in Victoria. You have been invited because you have responded to an email/social media post/poster posted at a library or through the extended networks of community legal centres and legal and community networks in Victoria.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: **Professor Janet Chan, Dr Victoria Sentas, Dr David Dixon and PhD student Tamar Hopkins at the Law School at the University of New South Wales.**

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- 18 years or older
- Have been stopped by a member of Victoria Police and/or a Victorian Protective Service Officer at some stage in the last 10 years.

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions about the most recent time you were stopped by a Victoria police officer while in a vehicle or as a pedestrian. It should take approximately 15 to 25 minutes to complete depending on the complexity of your experience.

We don't expect this questionnaire to cause any harm or discomfort, however if you experience feelings of distress as a result of participation a list of services that might be able to assist you appear at the end of survey.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to assist legal and law reform strategies to reduce unreasonable police contacts with the public.

7. What will happen to information about me?

Your answers to this survey are anonymous. Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'Take Survey Now' button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study. Your data will be kept for a period of 7 years after the project's completion.

This project will use an external site to create, collect and analyse the data collected in a questionnaire format. The site we are using is Qualtrics. If you participate in this study, the responses you provide to the questionnaire will be stored on a host server that is used by Qualtrics. Other than your email address kept separately if you choose to provide it, no identifying information will be collected in the questionnaire so none will be stored as data. Any published data will not identify you. Once we have completed our data collection and analysis, we will import the data we collect to the UNSW server. The data on the Qualtrics server will then be deleted. If you provide your email address, it will be deleted when the research is finalised. Information collected for this research project may be made available to other research projects in de-identified form only. Researchers at UNSW are required to store their any aggregated data in the UNSW data repository, this is a system called ResData. Once the aggregated data is deposited into this repository it will be retained in this system permanently. It will however be retained in a format where your identity will not be known.

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research study in a variety of ways. All information published will be done in a way that will not identify you. If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email address into a separate survey you will be prompted to during the questionnaire. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

Name	Victoria Sentas
Position	Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law
Telephone	(02) 93852227
Email	V.Sentas@unsw.edu.au

If at any stage during the study you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

- Your doctor
- Lifeline Tel. 13 11 14 (24 hours, 7 days)
- Women's Information and Referral Service 1300 134130
- Sexual Assault Crisis Line (Victoria) 1800 806 292
- Australian Counselling Association Tel. 1300 784 333
- Mental Health Foundation of Australia (Victoria) Tel. (03) 9826 1422
- Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA) – register of psychotherapists and counsellors Tel. (03) 9486 3077

These services may be able to provide you with a referral to a counsellor or psychologist. It is important to get help if you are experiencing any ongoing distress.

[Information on your rights and the police](#)

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HC180500

Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- I understand that if necessary I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with the Flemington & Kensington Community Legal Centre, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, UNSW, Professor Janet Chan, Dr Victoria Sentas, Dr David Dixon or Tamar Hopkins
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from (<https://research.unsw.edu.au/forms-and-templates>).

Any experiences of a stop, neutral, positive or negative is valuable to this research.

By clicking on the purple button below, you are consenting to participate in this survey.