

# PSYC 001 Participant Pool: Your Rights as a Participant

## ETHICS REVIEW

The experiments are conducted here on campus by research scientists whose work has been reviewed and approved by a university-wide ethics board. Thus, Lehigh has approved of all of the research and has determined that it poses little-to-no risk to participants. The review board conforms to nationally established standards for making such evaluations.

## INFORMED CONSENT

Before you begin an experiment, the researcher will take you through an informed consent process, in which the procedures of the experiment are explained to you, in addition to any benefits or potential risks. This information is provided so that you can make an informed and voluntary decision about whether or not you want to participate. If you decide at this point that you do not want to participate in the experiment, this is not a problem. Participation is not required and you can decline to give your consent provided you show up and inform yourself about the experiment before deciding whether you want to participate. If you choose not to consent, there is no penalty.

## CEASING PARTICIPATION DURING AN EXPERIMENT

It is important for you to know that if for any reason you feel uncomfortable during an experiment, you can cease participation at any time without penalty. If you experience discomfort with the experiment and its procedures, you have the option to walk away. No one can be required to do anything they do not wish to do in an experiment.