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# Assessing Risk - SBE

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## Quiz Results

You correctly answered **5 of 5** quiz questions.

### Question 1

Question	Additional safeguards that may be included in a social and behavioral study may include:
Your Answer	Remove all direct identifiers from the data as soon as possible.
Result	<b>Correct</b>
Comment	When a possible disclosure of subjects' responses is the primary source of potential harm, collecting data anonymously may provide the best protection and removing direct identifiers is an additional safeguard. The other responses are additional safeguards, but refer to studies that may involve investigational drugs or are biomedical and not social behavioral.

### Question 2

<b>Question</b>	If disclosure of a subject's involvement in a specific research study can be potentially harmful to the subject, and the consent form is the only record linking the subject to the research, which of the following would be most helpful:
<b>Your Answer</b>	Obtain a waiver of documentation of informed consent.
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	If the only identifier collected in the course of a study would be the signature on the consent document and the principal source of harm would be a breach of confidentiality disclosing one's participation in the study, a waiver of documentation of informed consent should be sought. With such a waiver, the informed consent process could be conducted verbally with no written evidence of the subject's participation in the research.

## Question 3

<b>Question</b>	Identify the example of when situation and time are key to assessing risk of harm in a research study:
<b>Your Answer</b>	A study on the efficacy of a behavioral intervention for smoking cessation that involves both adults and teenagers (who are underage to purchase tobacco) in the United States
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	Purchasing tobacco products is illegal for persons under 21 years of age in the U.S., so any assessment of the risk of participating in the study for individuals will have to consider that the research may include an illegal activity and the risk would be dependent on legal situation of the study location.

## Question 4

<b>Question</b>	Risk of harm in social and behavioral sciences generally fall in three categories, which are:
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<b>Your Answer</b>	Invasion of privacy, breach of confidentiality, and study procedures
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	Invasion of privacy, breach of confidentiality, and study procedures are the three categories that risks of harm in SBE research generally fall in. Invasions of privacy can occur if personal information is accessed or collected without the subjects' knowledge or consent. Confidentiality can be compromised through an unauthorized release of data, which could have a negative impact on the subjects' psychological, social, or economic status. In some cases, simply taking part in research can put subjects at risk. For example, if a researcher is conducting interviews with individual gang members, it may be necessary to find places to meet where other members of the gang could not observe the interaction.

## Question 5

<b>Question</b>	A researcher wishes to study generational differences in coping mechanisms among adults who experienced abuse as children. Adequate measures will be instituted to obtain informed consent and ensure that there is no breach of confidentiality. The most likely additional risk is that some subjects may:
<b>Your Answer</b>	Experience emotional or psychological distress.
<b>Result</b>	<b>Correct</b>
<b>Comment</b>	Some subjects may experience emotional or psychological distress. The fact that the subjects have consented to participate in the study makes it unlikely that they would feel that their privacy was being invaded. Because confidentiality procedures have been built into the protocol it is also unlikely that the subjects might lose legal status or employment.

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