🤝 WSPS: Debriefing Script & Participant Exit Protocol

Project: Washington State Periphenomenal Survey (WSPS)

Version: 2.0 (Integrated Engagement Logic)

Part 1: Field Researcher Script (For In-Person "Status 3" Subjects)

To be read by the Researcher immediately after the Subject hands back the tablet/ questionnaire.

Step 1: Immediate De-escalation (Grounding)

Researcher: "Thank you. That concludes the formal questions. Take a moment to take a deep breath and shift gears. We are done with the data collection."

Researcher: "I know sharing these experiences can be intense. We appreciate you trusting us with your story."

Step 2: Educational Context

Researcher: "I want to clarify exactly what we are doing with this data. We are not ghost hunters, and we are not here to prove or disprove your experience. We are studying **how people perceive the unknown**. Your story helps us build a map of human experience, not just a map of 'hauntings'."

Step 3: Validation (If asked)

- **If they ask, "Do you believe me?"**
  - **Response:** "My job isn't to judge physics; it's to document human experience. I believe that *you* experienced something profound, and capturing that impact is what matters to science."
- **If they ask, "Am I the only one?"**
  - **Response:** "You are definitely not alone. We hear similar details—like the silence or the static—from many people. It's a very common human experience."

Step 4: Safety Check

Researcher: "How are you feeling right now? Sometimes talking about this brings up old adrenaline."

- **[If Distressed]:** "That is a normal reaction to memory. Remind yourself you are here, safe, in the present. If the anxiety persists, we encourage you to speak to a professional. Here is a resource sheet." *(Hand Information Sheet).*
- **[If Calm]:** "Glad to hear it. Here is a card with our project info if you want to withdraw your data later."

Step 5: Anti-Priming Request

Researcher: "One favor—if you tell friends to participate, please **don't tell them the specific questions** beforehand. We want their raw, uninfluenced story, just like we got yours."

Part 2: Digital Exit Page (For Online "Status 1 & 2" Subjects)

This text should appear on the screen after the user clicks "Submit" on the wsps_online_form.html.

Header: Submission Received. Thank You.

Body Text:

"Your experience has been securely logged in the Washington State Periphenomenal Archive.

What happens next?

We are not here to 'debunk' or 'validate' your reality. Our goal is to catalog the breadth of human experience. Your entry helps us understand how modern people interpret the unexplained.

Privacy & Safety

Your response is anonymous. If recalling this event caused you distress, please take a moment to ground yourself in your immediate surroundings. If you feel overwhelmed, please contact a local support resource or crisis line (988 in the US).

Want to help?

Share the survey link, but please do not discuss specific questions with future participants. This ensures every narrative remains authentic and uninfluenced."

Part 3: Participant Resource Sheet (Physical Handout)

To be printed on quarter-sheets or business cards for Field Researchers.

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Principal Investigator: [Name] l [Email]

IRB / Review ID: [Number]

DATA RIGHTS:

Your interview was assigned a secure Log ID based on the time of submission. If you wish to withdraw your story from our archive, contact us via email with the date/location of your interview.

RECOMMENDED READING (Scientific Perspectives):

- *Anomalistic Psychology* by Prof. Chris French
- *Authors of the Impossible* by Prof. Jeffrey Kripal
- *Haunted Data* by Lisa Blackman

CRISIS RESOURCES:

- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- National Crisis Line: 988