Consent to Participate in Research

Identification of Investigators & Purpose of Study

You are being asked to participate in a research study conducted by Hailey Bodycoat, Katherine Shepherd, Matt Lansford, and Matt Mckenzie from James Madison University. The purpose of this study is to obtain information about people who are moving to a new place and have limited resources to find roommates, places to live / eat, and what to do for fun. This study will contribute to the researchers' completion of their semester long project for CS 447.

Research Procedures

Should you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to sign this consent form once all your questions have been answered to your satisfaction. This study consists of an in-person 45 minute interview that will be administered to individual participants in the location discussed by the researcher and participant at the designated time agreed upon. You will be asked to provide answers to a series of questions related to the challenges of moving to a new place and the kind of information that would be helpful when preparing to move. We will be taking a video during the interview to refer to later to assist us in the research process.

Time Required

Participation in this study will require 45 minutes to an hour of your time. This study will only require one interview session.

Risks

The investigators do not perceive more than minimal risks from your involvement in this study (that is, no risks beyond the risks associated with everyday life).

Benefits

Potential benefits from participation in this study include the possible creation of a product that allows people in the process of moving for the first time alone to explore their new home before arriving and potentially arrange a living situation and find our people in a similar situation.

Confidentiality

The results of this research will be presented as a final project in a classroom with other James Madison University students. The results of this project will be coded in such a way that the respondent's identity will not be attached to the final form of this study. The researchers retain the right to use and publish non-identifiable data. While individual responses are confidential, aggregate data will be presented representing averages or generalizations about the responses as a whole. All data will be stored in a secure location accessible only to the researchers. Upon completion of the study, all information that matches up individual respondents with their answers will be destroyed (including audio/video recordings).

Participation & Withdrawal

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You are free to choose not to participate. Should you choose to participate, you can withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind.

Questions about the Study

If you have questions or concerns during the time of your participation in this study, or after its completion or you would like to receive a copy of the final aggregate results of this study, please contact:

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Giving of Consent

I have read this consent form and I understand what is being requested of me as a participant in this study. I freely consent to participate. I have been given satisfactory answers to my questions. The investigator provided me with a copy of this form. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age.

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Name of Participant (Printed)

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Name of Participant (Signed)   Date

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Name of Researcher (Signed)   Date

This study has been approved by the IRB, protocol # _____.