



Perspectives and Participation Participant Information Sheet

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether or not to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

General information about the research study and collected research data

- This study is part of a wider project to understand security practices in the workplace. The focus of this study is to better understand how different kinds of training material influence the motivation to make security decisions. This study has been reviewed by and received a favourable opinion from The Open University Human Research Ethics Committee, HREC reference number: **XXXX**.
- To participate you must be fluent in English and be between 18-65 years old. You do not need to be familiar with cyber-security.
- Your participation is entirely **voluntary**. You will be free to withdraw up until you click submit after you complete your responses to the final survey. This step is clearly marked. To withdraw before this point, you can click the button marked "Withdraw from study" available throughout. Doing so will delete any data you have provided so far.
- After clicking the final submit button, it will no longer be possible to withdraw your data from the study as it is automatically anonymised.
- Please note that your choice to take part in this research will have no impact on your career, nor any future professional or educational assessments.

What will I be asked to do if I agree to take part?

- The specific activity you are being asked to take part in centres on your experience of a short video-based cyber-security intervention followed by a survey to better understand your motivations around a specific cyber-security behaviour. This will take place over four steps:
 1. **Electronic Consent form.** You will be asked for your specific and explicit consent to take part in this research.
 2. **Initial Questionnaire.** You will be asked a series of basic demographic and experience related questions. These are general and do not ask for any sensitive personal information. At no point in this study do we take any information which could identify you, such as you contact details or name.
 3. **Cyber-security intervention.** You will take part in a simple cyber-security intervention which will last approximately five minutes. It is critical that you engage fully with this content.
 4. **Motivation questionnaire.** You will be asked a series of questions about a specific cyber-security subject.
- This process should take between 10-15 minutes. You can quit the study any time before the end by clicking the "Withdraw from study" button and return when you are available but if you do so, you will need to start again from the beginning. After you have completed the final questionnaire, we kindly ask that you do not attempt to take part in the study again as repeated exposure to content may impact your responses and this can adversely impact the quality of our research.

How will the data I provide be used?

- We may wish to use quotes from your responses to questionnaires however these will be anonymised and will not be traceable back to you.
- Once the study has ended, the automatically anonymised data will be downloaded from the website and stored for 10 years in a secure digital environment at the Open University.

How do I agree to take part?

If you would like to take part in this study, please visit study.cyberbx.co.uk and follow the instructions on screen.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope that you will enjoy taking part in the study and thank you for your time.

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If you have any concerns or complaints about the study and you would rather speak to someone other than the lead researcher, you can also contact:

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Data Protection

The Open University is the Data Controller for the personal data that you provide.

The lawful reason for processing your data will be that conducting academic research is part of the Open University's public task. (The consent we request from you relates to ethical considerations)

You have a number of rights as a data subject:

- To request a copy of the personal data we have about you
- To rectify any personal data which is inaccurate or incomplete
- To restrict the processing of your data
- To receive a copy of your data in an easily transferrable format (if relevant)
- To erase your data
- To object to us processing your data

If you are concerned about the way we have processed your personal information, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Please visit the ICO's website for further details.