

Consent Form – Canada – English

Engaging and Educating Young-Adult Cannabis Consumers

Thank you for your interest in participating in the research project entitled, 'Engaging and Educating Young-Adult Cannabis Consumers'. This is a Canada-wide pop-up survey run by Humber College in partnership with Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy and the Canadian Public Health Association. You can learn more about the team and the pop-up survey on our Twitter page, @WeedOutMisinfo. Below is information regarding the study, what you'll be asked to do, and what risks your participation in the study might entail. Please read this before completing the online pop-up survey to ensure you wish to participate. If you have any questions, please email us at CannabisResearch@Humber.ca.

What is the purpose of this study?

You are being asked to participate in a research study about how to effectively engage cannabis consumer with harm reduction information about cannabis. We hope the answers gathered from this short survey will allow us to effectively support the development of public education messaging and outreach materials to inform young people's consumption practices of cannabis and cannabis 2.0 products in order to make healthier, educated choices in a legalized environment.

What will I do if I choose to be in this study?

If you choose to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an online pop-up survey that will take approximately 1 minute to complete. You'll be asked questions relating to the frequency and length of your cannabis use, how you heard about the website and reason for visiting, and how trustworthy and useful you found the information presented on the website. The pop-up survey is entirely online on weedoutmisinformation.ca.

What are the possible risks or discomforts?

We believe there is a low risk of harm associated with participating in this project. You may feel uncomfortable discussing your cannabis use practice, but you can either choose not to answer any question you are uncomfortable with or end the pop-up survey at any time by closing your browser window.

Your involvement is completely anonymous. No identifying information or IP addresses will be collected that could be used to link you to the data you submit. However, for extra privacy, we encourage you to complete the questionnaire using a device you own, not one owned by your employer, school, or university. We also encourage you not to complete the questionnaire on a workplace, school, or university internet network to avoid the risk of anyone tracking your browser activity (i.e. seeing websites you visit). For even greater privacy (e.g. so your ISP cannot track your browser history), you may want to consider using an anonymizer (e.g. Tor) or a VPN. Please be advised that while we will do everything in our power to keep your data secure, and we don't collect any identifying information or even your IP address, the United States can bar entry to anyone who admits to previous drug consumption, even if the drug is legal in Canada. Please take this into consideration when providing information.

What are the possible benefits for me or others?

You are not likely to have any direct benefit from being in this research study. However, your participation will assist in the development of new cannabis-related harm reduction and public education materials. This study is designed to learn more about how people in Canada consume cannabis in a legalized environment and how they make informed decisions. The study results will be used to help other organizations in the future with things like developing training policies, creating public education materials, or understanding the populations who consume cannabis. The research team does not stand to benefit financially from your contributions to this project.

How will you protect the information you collect about me, and how will that information be shared?

Results of this study may be used in publications and presentations. The data will be stored on a password-protected computer, and only the research team will have access to that data. Your name is never asked for or given, and we don't record your IP address. After seven years we will destroy the data we've collected unless it is still being used for research purposes. We don't ask for any information that could identify you, but we check to make sure none was inadvertently included.

Financial Information

Participation in this study will involve no cost to you.

Withdrawal Procedure

At any time during this study, you are free to withdraw from participation without any consequences. You need only close your browser window before submitting your final answers and your information will not be recorded. Once you've hit the final submit button, we're unable to remove your data from the pop-up survey as the pop-up survey you submit is completely anonymous and we'd have no way of identifying your pop-up survey from someone else's.

Conflict of Interest

The Primary Investigators of this project in Canada are employed by Humber College. They do not stand to financially benefit from leading this pop-up survey, nor your participation in it. There is no identified conflict of interest.

Inclusion Criteria

To participate in this study, you must:

Currently live in Canada

Be 18 years of age or older

Have used cannabis at least once in your life or are considering whether to do so in the future.

Follow Up

Once you've completed the pop-up survey, we won't reach out to you for further data collection. Our plan is to analyze the data we collect and publish academic findings starting in June 2022. You can look for updates on the project by going to our Twitter page, @WeedOutMisinfo.

What are my rights as a research participant?

Participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to answer any question you do not want to answer. If at any time and for any reason, you would prefer not to participate in this study, please feel free not to. If at any time you would like to stop participating, you are free to do so by closing your browser window.

Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns about this research study?

If you have questions you can contact the researchers at CannabisResearch@Humber.ca or you can directly reach the Primary Investigator of this project, Professor Daniel Bear, at Daniel.Bear@Humber.ca or 416-675-6622 x3680. You can also learn more about the project on the @WeedOutMisinfo Twitter page.

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this research, you can contact the Humber College Research Ethics Board Chair, Lydia Boyko, Lydia.Boyko@Humber.ca, or 416-675-6622 x79322

This project has been approved by the Humber Research Ethics Board, Approval Number: RP-0394