



GUIDELINE FOR CONDUCTING HOME VISITS

The following provides guidance for research involving home visits and things to consider when developing the study and informed consent process.

Protocol and General Procedures:

- Will the study activities be conducted using the same methods (computer versus paper, video recording, blood draws)?
- What steps will be taken to ensure the safety of the researcher traveling to the home and while conducting study activities at the home?
- Will payment be provided in cash and, if yes, how will you ensure safety of the researcher carrying the cash/gift card?
- Are there mandated reporters as part of the research team? If yes, how will the researcher report the possible abuse or illegal behaviors which may be observed or reported during home visit? How will the subject be informed of researchers reporting requirements? Will a Certificate of Confidentiality be obtained for this study?

Consent Considerations:

- Will consent be obtained prior to the home visit? If not, how and where will consent be obtained to ensure privacy and confidentiality?
- How will privacy be protected at the home when conducting the study intervention?
- If there are mandated reporters on the research team, how will the subject be informed of these requirements?
 - Suggested consent form language: *“The researchers are required to report information regarding potential child abuse or neglect reported by you or observed at your home during the research visit. The researcher will also report if there is a reasonable suspicion, based on information provided by you or observed during the research visit at your home, that you may present a danger of harm to others or that you may harm yourself unless protective measures are taken.”*

Note: The consent form language and the questions to be asked may be modified somewhat depending upon the study to be conducted at the home visit.