

ONLINE SURVEY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT
Understanding the Beach Safety Knowledge of Multicultural Communities
Chief Investigator: Professor Robert Brander

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study about multicultural communities and beach usage and safety. The research study aims to contribute valuable data that will assist in future beach safety education of multicultural communities. We are particularly interested in identifying relationships between your personal background, your interactions with beaches, and understanding of beach safety.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Professor Robert Brander and Mr Mark Woods from the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at UNSW Sydney.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that you are eligible to take part. The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- You are over the age of 18
- You identify as being part of a Southern Asian community (e.g. Indian, Nepalese, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan)

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research project is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully;
- Complete the online questionnaire

If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the project at any stage.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions about your personal background, ocean use, swimming ability, perception of the beach and staying safe at the beach. It should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire.

We don't expect the online questionnaire to cause any harm or discomfort, however if you experience feelings of distress as a result of participation in this study you should not participate. If you do participate and experience these feelings, you should withdraw from the research. If you continue to experience these feelings after completing the survey, we encourage you to contact the organisation listed below to assist you, if necessary:

Contact for feelings of distress

Name/Organisation	Beyond Blue
Telephone	1300 22 4636

You are free to withdraw from the research at any time. If you withdraw from the research we will destroy any information that has already been collected.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information gathered from this research study to improve our understanding of the perceptions of beach hazards and beach safety by multicultural communities to help guide future beach safety education in order to reduce the number of fatal coastal drownings.

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7. What will happen to information about me?

Completing the online survey questionnaire is an indication of your consent. Completion of the survey provides your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study. Your data will be kept for a period of 7 years after the project's completion. We will store information about you in a **non-identifiable format** on a localised computer and One-Drive at UNSW Sydney. Your information will only be used to understand the beach safety knowledge of people from Southern Asian backgrounds in Sydney and the Northern Illawarra and will be presented in non-identifiable format in an undergraduate Honours thesis and potentially a published scientific journal article(s).

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research study in a variety of ways as described above. If you would like to view updates and results of the study, you are encouraged to contact the research team and/or view updates at www.beachsafetyresearch.com

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy and information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study, or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following members of the research team:

Research Team Contact

Name	Professor Robert Brander
Position	Chief Investigator
Telephone	0401 420 962
Email	rbrander@unsw.edu.au

Name	Mr Mark Woods
Position	Student Investigator
Website	www.beachsafetyresearch.com
Email	mark.woods@student.unsw.edu.au

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Sydney Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HC200951

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Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
 - I have read the Participant Information Sheet or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand;
 - I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the project; I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
 - I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
 - I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the project and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
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- I understand that I can download a copy of the consent form from www.beachsafetyresearch.com/multicultural-communities
 - I have been advised that if I want to access updates and results related to the study, I can visit www.beachsafetyresearch.com

I agree, start questionnaire