Young Adults' Consent to Heterosexual Casual Sex

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Purpose of the research:

The purpose of this research project is to learn how young adults give consent to their casual sex partners.

Description of research:

I would like to interview young adults who are working as summer workers in Banff. I anticipate that the interviews will take between one and two hours. During the interview I will ask about your experiences as a summer worker in Banff. I will ask about any consensual heterosexual sexual experiences you may have had and how you and your partner communicated your consent to one another. You are not required to answer any of my questions, you may pass on any questions and you may stop the interview or withdraw from the study at any time.

The interview is completely confidential. I am the only person who will have access to the interview tapes and transcripts. I will not tell anyone else about what you say during the interview. I will use pseudonyms during the analysis and reporting stages of my research so it will not be possible for anyone to find out that you were part of the study or to identify you in the findings.

The interview will be tape recorded so that I have an accurate record of the interview. After the interview I will transcribe the interview.

Potential harms and benefits:

The potential harms of participating in this research are minimal. It is possible that the topic of research (sexual consent) may be sensitive for some people. I will give you some information and contact phone numbers after the interview in case you would like to talk with someone about any personal questions or concerns you may have.

There are no known benefits to you for participating in this research. By participating in this research you will be contributing to the understanding of sexual consent. This is very important for the development of policy and law about sexual assault, because this type of policy and law is often based on consent.