

APPENDIX A: PROJECT SAFETY GUIDELINES

Group Issues include:

1. Not telling outsiders who the other group members are unless permission has been given.
2. Telling stories outside of what has been said in the group without names, but that could still contain identifying information.
3. Respecting the privacy of participants' photographs unless it is public property and unless the person has given consent.
4. Observing legal limitations to confidentiality, including abuse reporting laws and intention to self harm or harm others
5. Avoiding exposing criminal activity; e.g., taking photographs of needles and syringes but not the people injecting

Ethical photographing issues will be examined with the following questions to guide discussion:

1. What is an acceptable way to approach someone to take their picture? How do we show respect in this? To prevent embarrassment?
 2. How do we prevent invasion of privacy? Should someone take pictures of other people without their knowledge? (Spontaneity versus people's rights). What about a group where no one can be identified?
 3. What will you do if someone asks to have their picture taken, yet you don't think it is important?
 4. To whom might people want to give photographs and what might be the implications of this?
 5. How important is it to provide a copy to people we photograph? (Importance of careful record keeping—consent forms to be able to return a copy)
 6. What are the key messages through our images (both negative and positive) that we want to make public? How do we make the story realistic and balanced? How do we not perpetuate stereotypes if they exist? (and instead to hopefully counteract any)
 7. What criteria should we use when evaluating photographs and deciding to use them publicly?
- Previous experiences with cameras/photographing will be explored and issues discussed to prevent repetition of any negative experiences.
 - One "bottom line" message will be that no photograph is worth taking if it brings the photographer (or the population/people) ill will or harm.
 - Ethical behaviour will be expected from all participants and members of the research team and is supported through the use of the various consent forms.