



Participant Information Sheet: Online Survey (site landing page)

Research project title: *Safer Partying*: Building evidence-based public safety and drug harm reduction policies and practices

Principal Investigator: Dr Karenza Moore, Newcastle University, UK.

Your participation

You are being invited to take part in an **online survey**, which is part of the Newcastle University staff-led research project *Safer Partying*. **You must be aged 18 years of age or over to take part and self-define as a person who attends parties 'at home', including after-parties.**

Before you decide whether to take part, it is important to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. This means that if you give your consent to participate, it will be what is called **informed consent**. Please take time to read the following information carefully before you decide whether you wish to complete this survey.

What is the research about?

Safer Partying is a study about the practices of young adults partying 'at home'. *Safer Partying* aims to raise awareness, build an evidence base, and create an expert network, to help develop policies. Alongside interviews with experts in public safety and harm reduction, *Safer Partying* involves talking and listening to young adults such as yourself to better understand party practices 'at home', such as music consumption and substance use.

Why have I been asked to participate in this online survey?

You have been invited to take part in this online survey because you may self-define as a person who attends parties 'at home', including after-parties. We are particularly interested in your perspectives, experiences and ideas about how to encourage safer partying among young adults such as yourself, from the beginning of the night-out to the very end, and beyond into everyday life. The online survey questions reflect this.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is totally up to you to decide whether you are happy to fill in this online survey. You can also stop filling in the survey at any point simply by shutting your browser.

What does participation in the research involve?

Participation involves filling in the online survey. There are compulsory questions, meaning you cannot continue filling in the survey unless you provide an answer to these. There are also 'open' questions you can *choose* to answer, mainly to elaborate your response. Remember you can stop filling in the survey at any point, simply by shutting your browser.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

We do not envisage any serious disadvantages or risks related to taking part in this study. However, you may wish to discuss sensitive issues such as drug use. We are aware of this possibility and if a sensitive issue arises, you can find information about organisations offering appropriate services available to you for further support. Please find these on the *Safer Partying* section of the project

website: <http://clubresearch.org/2022/03/09/safer-partying-building-evidence-based-public-safety-and-drug-harm-reduction-policies-and-practices/>

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We cannot promise *Safer Partying* will help you personally, but the findings and related policies and practices will be used to support and encourage safer partying among young adults such as yourself.

What will happen to the information I provide?

The information that you provide us through the online survey will remain **anonymous**. This means we cannot identify you as an individual from your survey responses. We also do not make a record of your IP address. The data from the online survey will be uploaded onto a secure server at Newcastle University via password protected hardware and software. Only Dr Karenza Moore as Principal Investigator and one named Postgraduate Researcher will have access to the anonymised data.

When the project finishes, the anonymous survey data will be hosted in the Newcastle University data repository and also may be archived in the UK Data Service, both for use by future researchers. Finally, the information you and other survey participants provide us will be used to present at academic and practitioner events, and to write a final project report and journal articles. No identifiable information will be included in anything that is presented or published.

What if you decide to withdraw from the research?

Please note it is not possible to withdraw your survey responses once you have submitted them as the survey is anonymous. You should consider this before ticking the box which says you are **“happy to fill in this survey”** as a means of giving your **informed consent** (see box below).

Thank you for taking the time to read this participant information sheet.

Dr Karenza Moore, *Safer Partying* Principal Investigator

Contact details

If you have any questions or wish to discuss *Safer Partying* further, please email Karenza at karenza.moore@newcastle.ac.uk.

If you have any issues or would like to make a complaint, please email the Sociology Head of Unit, Professor Tracy Shildrick, at tracy.shildrick@newcastle.ac.uk.

Informed Consent

Are you happy to fill in this survey?

Yes (go to page 1) **No** (go to *Thank-you for your interest* page)

Page 1

What is your age?

16-17 years of age (go to *Thank you for your interest* page)

18 or over (go to *About You* page 2)

Thank you for your interest.

Unfortunately, this survey is not for you. You can find out more about the project and information about support organisations by reading/downloading our debriefing form.

On completion of this survey, please read/download the debriefing form.