

**Tarrant County College District
Institutional Review Board
Use of Deception Form**

Deception is defined as *providing intentionally misleading information*. Incomplete Disclosure, in the context of research, can be defined as *withholding information about the real purpose of the research or giving subjects false information about some aspect of the research*. Deception or incomplete disclosure in research is only approvable if the research presents **no more than minimal risk** to subjects.

Minimal Risk means that the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research are not greater in and of themselves than those ordinarily encountered in the daily lives of the general population or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests.

1. Explain the scientific rationale for use of deception or incomplete disclosure in the study. Could the research be conducted without the use of deception or incomplete disclosure?
2. Which aspects of study procedures will be withheld from the subjects?
3. Explain why this study involves no more than minimal risk to subjects.
4. Explain whether the subjects would consider the information being withheld from them important when making a decision about whether to participate in the research. Does withholding the information adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects?
5. If vulnerable populations are included in the study, justify their participation and detail how the subjects will be adequately protected.
6. Explain when and how the subjects will be told of the deception/incomplete disclosure.
7. Indicate who will inform subjects of the deception/incomplete disclosure. *The IRB recommends that you develop and include a copy of the debriefing script.*
8. Will subjects be given an opportunity to withhold use of their data given that they will not be fully informed about the purpose of the study until after data collection? **Note:** *Subjects should be told the purpose of the study, the reason for the deception and given an opportunity to withdraw their data from the project.*

Yes

No - provide justification for not providing the opportunity to subjects:

Email forms and supporting documentation to: irb.irpe2@tccd.edu.