

Phone contact script:

- 1.1.1 Hi, I'm calling from the Ohio State University, on behalf of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. We are conducting a survey of housing in Ohio. Your phone number was randomly selected. I'd like a few minutes of your time to ask you some questions about your housing situation. The survey will take about 15 minutes. Please feel free to skip a question if it makes you feel uncomfortable and you may end the call at any time. Do I have your permission to continue? [Pause.] Thanks!
- 1.1.2 If yes skip to Consent Script 1.1.3
- 1.1.3 If no read, the project is funded by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). OHFA facilitates the development, rehabilitation and financing of housing for low-and moderate-income Ohioans. OHFA programs help first-time homebuyers, renters, senior citizens, and others find quality affordable housing that meets their needs. The survey will improve the quality and quantity of information available to OHFA with the goal of improving the allocation of resources to better meet the housing needs of Ohioans. It will impact new policies in the future. Now, would you be willing to do the survey? (If no, say: Thanks! CODE AS REFUSAL) (If yes, go to Consent Script 1.1.3)
- 1.1.4 Before we get started, we'd like to provide you with some important information about the study. We are going to ask you questions about your housing situation. This research will help the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to allocate resources to better meet the housing needs of Ohioans. We are very interested in collecting information about the circumstances, experiences, and opinions of Ohio residents, which will help OHFA develop policies that better serve the state. Your participation is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any questions or stop the interview at any time.
- 1.1.5 The results will be used for research purposes only. Efforts will be made to ensure that the information you provide as a part of the study will be confidential and all identifying information will be removed. The risks are minimal to taking part in this research. You may experience short-term discomfort in answering sensitive questions. Also, as with any data collection process, there can be minimal risk of breach of confidentiality. However, this risk is very low because of our university's high data security measures.
- 1.1.6 If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or wish to talk to someone who is not a member of the study team, please contact the Ohio Department of Health Institutional Review Board. You can call either Lisa Heinbach at 614-995-0775 or Pam Leimbach at 614-644-0663.
- 1.1.7 INTERVIEWER IF NECESSARY SAY: For interviewing purposes, am I speaking to someone who is age 18 or older? (IF YES, GO TO 1.1.8) (IF NO (THE RESPONDENT IS UNDER 18) THEN ASK FOR ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD go to 1.1.1)
- 1.1.8 Now we will begin the research.