

ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

Group 4 Adults

Evaluating NSW Learn to Swim for At-Risk Communities

Dr Amy Peden

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to understand the experiences of and attitudes towards learning to swim, among participants of the NSW Learn to Swim for At-Risk Communities Program. The research will also look at the impact of program participation on skill attainment. You have been invited because you are enrolling a child in this program.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Dr Amy Peden, School of Population Health. Research Funder: This research is being funded by Royal Life Saving New South Wales, using funding from the NSW Government Office of Sport.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in Program 4 Adults;
- Are aged 18 years or over
- You give consent to participate in the research

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Complete the online questionnaire.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete two online surveys, one before your child participates in the program and one after. The surveys will ask you questions about learning to swim. Each survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The two surveys will be linked together using a combination of your child's date of birth, home postcode and gender which you will provide on each of the two surveys. Linkage of the datasets will be conducted only by Royal Life Saving Society – NSW solely and will not be shared with any other personnel including CI Amy Peden.

There are no costs associated with participating in this research project, nor will you be paid. However, if you complete each survey you will have the opportunity to enter the draw to win one of five Royal Life Saving NSW gift packs valued at \$100. You will be notified via email if you have won. Any information provided to enter the prize draw will not be linked with the main survey.

There are no risks associated with participating in this research beyond inconvenience.

6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to benefit others who may participate in future learn to swim programs.

7. What will happen to information about me?

Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking 'yes' to the question asking 'Do you give your consent to participate in this survey?' you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.

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The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for:

- A minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results;

The information about you will be stored in a:

- Non-identifiable format where your identify will be unknown.

8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify you.

Participants will be able to access a summary of the findings of the research at the conclusion of the project by visiting the Royal Life Saving Society - New South Wales website

<https://www.drowningprevention.org.au/projectelevate>

9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

Name: Dr Amy Peden

Position: Senior Research Fellow, School of Population Health, UNSW Sydney

Telephone: 02 9065 3863

Email: a.peden@unsw.edu.au

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

Position: Human Research Ethics Coordinator

Telephone: + 61 2 9385 6222

Email: humanethics@unsw.edu.au

HC Reference Number: iRECS8735

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Consent Form - Participant Providing Own Consent

Declaration by the participant

By answering 'yes' to the question asking 'Do you give your consent to participate in this survey?':

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from <https://www.drowningprevention.org.au/projectelevate>