





deceive others; and so forth.

D. Deception: Avoid deceiving research participants unless clearly necessary and no greater than minimal risk; debrief as soon as possible afterwards. Research that involves actively deceiving participants about research activities presents ethical problems. An undergraduate student whose proposed project includes active deception should work with his/her faculty mentor to ensure that the overall level of risk to participants is minimal and that other IRB requirements for use of deception, e.g., an appropriate debriefing process, are included.

Protecting individuals who are members of a vulnerable group

capacity to consent to research participation. Other groups are vulnerable because any harm that might arise from research would be particularly consequential for them. For example, undocumented residents whose status was revealed outside the research could be deported, a grave risk. Residents in homeless shelters, nursing homes and half way houses have limited autonomy with respect to housing and are vulnerable to the authority of house managers. They, as well as people who have experienced major injury, illness or disability that interferes with the quality of their lives, might be traumatized by unskillful interviewing.



