Delft University of Technology
HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS
TOOLKIT
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For research involving Human Research Subjects (human participants who act as the source of your research data), we've developed a series of tools to assist in the essential activities of planning, minimizing and managing the possible risks arising from your research activities. Together these tools can help you to **design and plan your research** and to **apply for HREC approval**. If you have planned for risks to participants from the start, then the application process should be pretty straight forward. If you find that any links below aren't working you can find the web version here along with more information on Research Ethics.

RESEARCH NEED	TOOLS		
	Research design	**Research Ethics Approval**	**Research Execution**
Minimise risk			
All research potentially carries some risk; your job as a researcher is to anticipate, mitigate and minimize any such risks for Human Research Subjects.	• **NEW in 2024:** Guide to the Personal Research Data Workflow • Risk-planning tool: Managing Risk in Human Research • Risk-planning outcomes • Sources of Risk in Human Research	• **NEW in 2024:** Guide to the Personal Research Data Workflow • Ethics checklist for human research • Course/module-related human research • Brief Guide: Completing the HREC checklist	• **NEW in 2024:** Guide to the Personal Research Data Workflow • Research Ethics Execution Schedule
Communicate risk			
Regardless of whether your research involves collecting personal data (as enshrined in Privacy Law) you must inform your participants of what is expected of them, and of any potential risks arising from their participation.	• Informed Consent templates and guide • Informed Consent templates in Dutch	• Informed Consent templates and guide • Informed Consent templates in Dutch	• Informed Consent templates and guide • Informed Consent templates in Dutch
Manage risk			
Whatever you agree with your participants needs to managed in practice. For example physical risks must be addressed within Health & Safety legislation, and Data Protection issues can be dealt with by developing and executing an effective Data Management Plan.	• Data Management Plan	• Data Management Plan	• Data Management Plan • Research Ethics Execution Schedule
Ethics approval: amendments and revisions			
You can use these templates to amend an existing approval or revise an ongoing application.		• Project Amendment Form – *to be used when amending an existing approved project* • Revisions Template – *to be used when revision a submission which is under evaluation*	

You can also let us know if you or your colleagues have any specific ethics guidance or tools needs here.