

## **Example Of Disclaimer For Use Of The Internet In Collecting Research Data**

The use of electronic mail as surveying technology brings out important questions about data security and the confidentiality of participant information. The following is an example of a disclaimer to be used for such purposes and should be included in informed consent forms for research with human subjects. You should revise it to fit your study.

*"As you may be aware, electronic communication may be subject to interception, legally by your employer or illegally by another party, while the information is in transit. Therefore, it is possible that your information might be seen by another party and I cannot control whether that happens. Although none of the information requested is of a personal nature, if you are concerned about your data security, I suggest that you print this e-mail, fill out the answers by hand, remove information from headers, etc. that identifies you as the respondent and mail the completed survey to the following address:*

*(your name and address)."*