

Safe at Home

Information Sheet

Title of Study: Safe at Home

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Introduction

We are aiming to design and implement a violence prevention intervention titled Safe at Home pilot project. The Safe at Home pilot program is the solution that will be tested in urban Canada for the first time. The basic principle of the Safe at Home model advocates that women and children fleeing violence should have the right to safely stay in their own homes. Based on the Safe at Home model from Australia, this program requires the perpetrator to leave the family home, giving survivors of violence the option to remain in place and recover with support from integrated health, social, police, and legal services.

We are inviting you to consider participating in this research study. Before agreeing to take part in this study, please read the information on this information sheet. It includes details we think you need to know to help you decide if you wish to take part in the study. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the research team (contact information can be found at the end of this sheet).

Background/Purpose of the Research: The aim of this project is to study the features that are needed to ensure that our pilot project is user-friendly, accessible, and useful to participants. Specifically, these interviews will focus on supports needed to help support and sustain women's economic security as they flee violence.

Description of Research: If you agree to participate, you will be asked to provide feedback about your opinions and perceptions related to the Safe at Home program. No information that could identify you will be collected. Participation would mean an interview to understand thoughts on the program structure. The Safe at Home Hamilton team is planning on conducting up to 20 interviews with women and service providers. An honorarium will be provided in the form of a \$40 gift card for women taking part.

Potential Risks: These interviews touch upon potentially sensitive issues related to relationships, substance use, conflict, and other health-related topics. However, we are not asking about your personal experiences, only your opinions and perceptions relating to economic empowerment interventions will be discussed. As such, we know of no direct risks to you.

Potential Benefits: While we know of no direct benefits to you of participating in the interview, your knowledge about these issues will help inform the development of a Safe at Home solution that will benefit people and help them improve their overall well-being.

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Confidentiality and Privacy: The Research Team, located at the MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions at St. Michael's Hospital, is committed to respecting your privacy. No information that reveals your identity (e.g., name) will be collected or published without consent unless required by law.

Participation and Withdrawal: Participation in this research study is voluntary. You can refuse to participate in this study, or leave this study at any time. If you decide to participate in this study you can change your mind without giving a reason, and you may decline to answer any question during that interview.

Study Contacts: If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Patricia O'Campo at patricia.ocampo@unityhealth.to or Phone: 416-864-5403 or Melissa Perri, mel.perri@mail.utoronto.ca

Your consent to participate in this study is implied if you continue to take part in this interview.

Please keep a copy of this document for your records.

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