



## Duty of care

While in most circumstances we keep the information you provide strictly confidential, if you tell us you are going to hurt yourself or someone else, or are being hurt, we will have to tell someone who can help you. If you are a minor, we will also need to tell your parents.

If you tell us someone is hurting you, we might be required by law to report it.

## More information

Participation is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time, and have your information withdrawn from further use by phoning us on 1800 019 606 or by emailing us at [info@tentomen.org.au](mailto:info@tentomen.org.au)



*Ten to Men* has been approved by the Australian Institute of Family Studies Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee ensures that the *Ten to Men* study meets the ethical standards outlined in the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans. If you have any ethical concerns with the conduct of study, you may contact the AIFS Ethics Committee Secretariat on (03) 9214 7888 or [ethicssecretariat@aifs.gov.au](mailto:ethicssecretariat@aifs.gov.au)



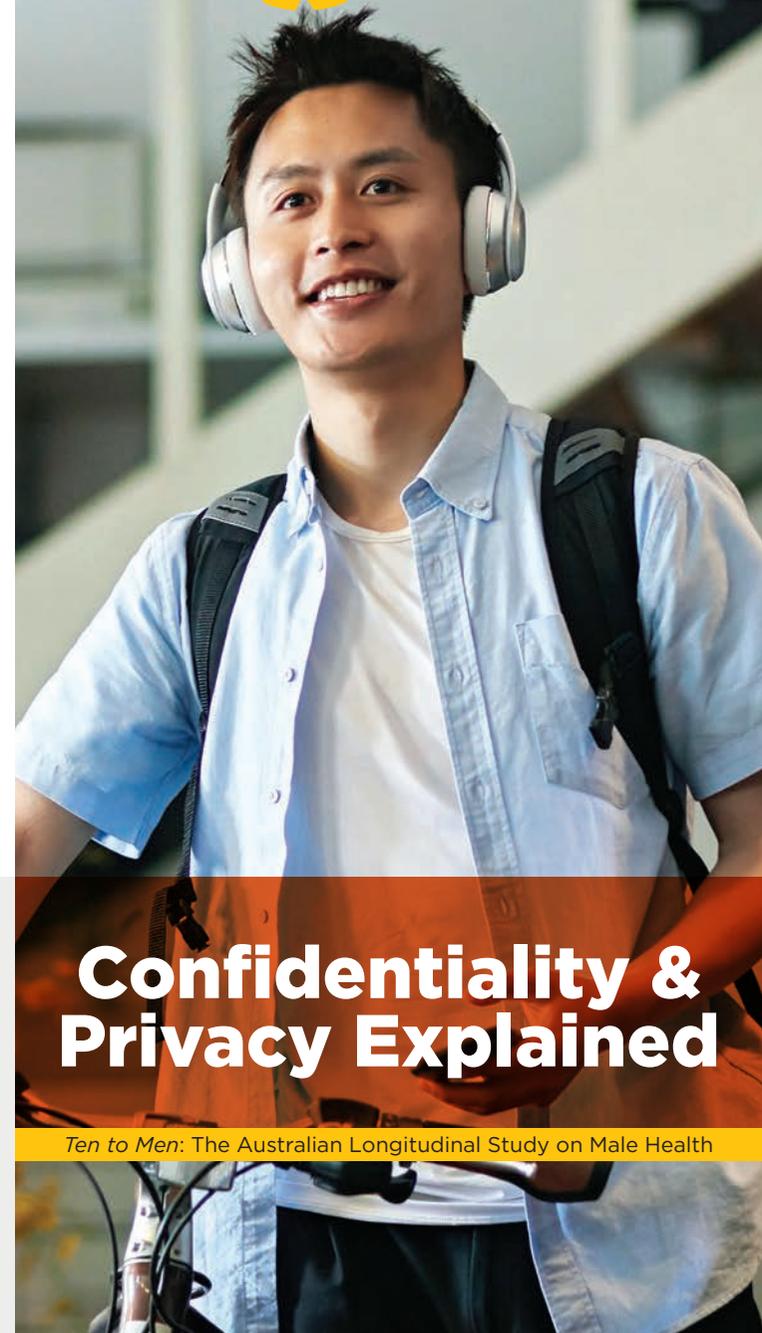
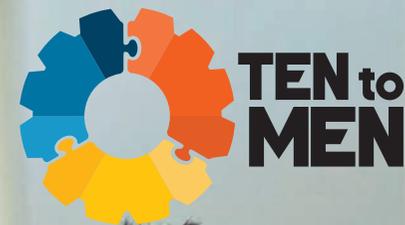
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# Confidentiality & Privacy Explained

*Ten to Men: The Australian Longitudinal Study on Male Health*

## The *Ten to Men* study

Australian males tend to have worse health than Australian females and tend to die younger. They also take more risks than females and are less likely to use health services. We don't know why this is the case, but with your help we are hoping to find out.

*Ten to Men* is the first study of its kind in Australia and investigates the health and lifestyles of men and boys. The study will collect important health information via surveys and health service records, and will follow participants over time to see how their health changes.

The *Ten to Men* study is managed by the Australian Institute of Family Studies in collaboration with the Social Research Centre (SRC). The Australian Government Department of Health funds the study.

## How is the data used?

The information you provide is combined with data from other study participants. The *Ten to Men* data are then used by Australian Government departments and researchers to develop services and programs that will help improve the health of Australian men and boys.

International researchers from various fields of research can also apply to become approved data users. By comparing *Ten to Men* data with data from similar longitudinal studies conducted in other countries, similarities and differences in male health between countries can be examined.



## *Ten to Men* values your privacy

Your privacy is very important to us. The study is bound by Commonwealth and state privacy laws and we will protect your anonymity and the confidentiality of your information to the fullest possible extent, within the limits of the law.

Strict procedures are followed by all involved in the management and running of the study to ensure only authorised people have access to the information provided to us, and all interviewers, researchers and others involved in the study comply with the *Privacy Act 1988*. In order to maintain up-to-date contact details for you, AIFS may provide your contact information to authorised people who are custodians of appropriate contact databases (e.g. White Pages®, Australia Post National Change of Address Register or similar databases). The custodians will never retain your contact information.

To ensure that your online survey information is kept secure, we use strong encryption technology. This means that the information you send is not able to be read by anyone but those authorised to have access. To protect your stored data, multilevel password protection is used on all electronic storage systems. To ensure security and confidentiality, all survey information will be stored, analysed and reported on with your identifying details removed.

Any information released to researchers will be delivered in a format in which it is not possible to identify individual males participating in the study (e.g. excludes names and addresses). In addition, all researchers using the study data are required to sign a deed of confidentiality, which prohibits them from trying to identify any participants or sharing any potentially identifiable information.

All the providers involved in collecting the survey information adhere to the Australian Market and Social Research Society (AMSRS) code of professional practice and ISO 20252 standards.

You can find further information on privacy in relation to the *Ten to Men* study, including the *Ten to Men* Privacy Statement on our website [tentomen.org.au/information-participants/privacy](https://tentomen.org.au/information-participants/privacy)



## What happens to my information?

Your personal information (such as your name, date of birth, and address) will never be used together with your survey responses. Also, your survey answers will not be looked at on their own, but will be combined with those of other participants and analysed as a group. This data will be used to better understand the health of Australian males and to learn more about the lifestyle and environmental factors that might affect their health.

Your contact information will be securely stored for at least seven years at the Australian Institute of Family Studies following the completion of the study. After this period, records will be destroyed in a manner appropriate to the security classification of the record content. If the organisation responsible for future data collection phases of the study changes, the Australian Institute of Family Studies will be required to disclose your information to that organisation.

As *Ten to Men* has been determined as a nationally significant study, the de-identified research datasets will be stored at the National Archives at the completion of the study.

Provision of information is voluntary and you may change your mind at any time about participating in the research. If you were to choose not to participate anymore, *Ten to Men* would no longer collect data from you. Data that have been released to researchers, analysed and/or included in any publication would continue to be used and form part of the *Ten to Men* study. Your privacy will continue to be protected at all times.