

UMW's Student Climate Survey 2018 on Sexual Violence Safety Perceptions, Knowledge, Attitudes and Prevalence

ATTACHMENT E Information for Participants

Title: UMW's Student Climate Survey 2018 on Sexual Violence Safety Perceptions, Knowledge, Attitudes and Prevalence

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the UMW campus climate on prohibited sexual conduct in terms of student perceptions on campus safety as well as student attitudes and prevalence/experiences. The findings from this study will inform sexual violence prevention and intervention efforts on campus.

PARTICIPATION: You are being asked to complete a voluntary and anonymous online survey that is estimated to take 30-40 minutes to complete.

RISKS: This study does have potential risk as some of the survey questions ask about personal experiences regarding victimization and perpetration. These questions may cause some participants varying levels of emotional distress or triggering effects, especially for survivors. To mitigate the risk of harm, participants will receive informed consent about the purpose and components of the study (this document) as well as a resource list to provide campus and local resources for assistance or information. Participants may skip questions or end the survey at any time and for any reason.

BENEFITS: There is no direct benefit to research participants in completing the survey; however, the survey may serve as a short learning tool for campus and local resources. Additionally, participants who complete the survey and the follow-up form will be entered into a random drawing to receive approximately 10 prizes. Further, the UMW community will benefit from this research by receiving pivotal information about the prevalence of sexual violence and alcohol consumption on campus as well as associated student norms and perceptions of peer and institutional responses. The survey will serve as a student-centered, campus needs assessment to help improve prevention and intervention efforts around issues of prohibited sexual conduct.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS: Several precautions will be taken to ensure privacy. Participants are provided an anonymous survey link to the only survey, which will not store IP addresses, names or other identifying information. The information you provide will be kept anonymous. The data retrieved from the survey will be stored on UMW's secure server, in a folder only accessibly to research staff. No identifying information will be stored on the server. While participants who complete the survey are prompted to provide names and email addresses on a form, this information will not be paired with the survey and will only be used to enter participants into the random drawing for prizes.

COMPENSATION: Participants who complete the survey will be given an opportunity to enter for a random drawing of approximately 10 prizes. Prizes may include a combination of UMW memorabilia, bookstore vouchers, and an Apple Watch.

PARTICIPANTS' RIGHTS: All participants are encouraged to contact UMW's Office of the Provost, located in George Washington Hall, room 301, x1241.

PARTICIPANTS' CONSENT: Before you begin the survey you will be asked to acknowledge your voluntary consent to participate in this research. You must be 18 or older to participate. You will be able to discontinue participation and end the survey at any time. If you have any questions now or later, contact Britnae Purdy in the Office of Title IX, at bpurdy@umw.edu or 540-654-5655.