

UKZN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (HSSREC)

APPLICATION FOR ETHICS APPROVAL For research with human participants

Information Sheet and Consent to Participate in Research

Date:

Greetings,

My name is Oluwafisayo Kaka from the Information Systems and Technology Discipline at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, with contact details 208513240@stu.ukzn.ac.za and 0734269620.

You are being invited to consider participating in a study that involves research Security Practices of Smartphone Users at UKZN Westville Campus and Its Effects on the Institutional Information Systems. The aim and purpose of this research are to discover factors influencing the security practices of UKZN smartphone users to counter security threats, likewise to investigate how the security practices of UKZN smartphone users are affecting the university's information systems. The study is expected to include four hundred students at the Westville Campus. It will involve the following procedures; online link distribution of questionnaires through the university's notice system to participants and collection after all fields on the online survey has been filled by participants. The duration of your participation, if you choose to participate and remain in the study, is expected to be about ten minutes.

The study may involve the discomfort of taking some of your valued time. We hope that the study will create the following benefits which will provide some direct benefits to participants; Solution to the existing security practices of student smartphone users that can influence cyber-attacks on UKZN information systems and improving measures that can reduce these attacks.

In the process of data collection, there is a possibility of the data been stolen or lost which can put participants personal data at risk. However, a backup for all data will be made and should data loss occur; the UKZN management will be requested to assist by sending a general email to all students, to be careful and reject any spam mail impersonating the researcher to get more personal information.

This study has been ethically reviewed and approved by the UKZN Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee (approval number HSSREC/00001150/2020).

In the event of any problems or concerns/questions you may contact the researcher at this email address 208513240@stu.ukzn.ac.za or call 0734269620 or email supervisor Mr Karunakaran Naidoo at Naidook82@ukzn.ac.za, or the UKZN Humanities & Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee, contact details as follows:

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Your anonymity will be maintained by the researcher and the School of Management, I.T. & Governance and your responses will not be used for any purposes outside of this study.

All data, both electronic and hard copy, will be securely stored during the study and archived for 5 years. After this time, all data will be destroyed.

If you have any questions or concerns about participating in the study, please contact me or my research supervisor at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oluwafisayo Kaka', written in a cursive style.

Oluwafisayo Kaka

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

I _____ have been informed about the study entitled Security Practices of Smartphone Users at UKZN Westville Campus and Its Effects on the Institutional Information Systems by Oluwafisayo Kaka.

I understand the purpose of this study is to investigate Security Practices of Smartphone Users at UKZN Westville Campus and Its Effects on the Institutional Information Systems and procedures of the study involves the collection of data through the use of online questionnaires.

I have been given an opportunity to ask questions about the study and have had answers to my satisfaction.

I declare that my participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I may withdraw at any time without affecting any of the benefits that I usually am entitled to.

If I have any further questions/concerns or queries related to the study I understand that I may contact the researcher at 208513240@stu.ukzn.ac.za or 0734269620.

If I have any questions or concerns about my rights as a study participant, or if I am concerned about an aspect of the study or the researchers then I may contact:

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Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Witness
(Where applicable)

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Signature of Translator
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