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# GUIDE TO APPLYING ETHICAL RESEARCH PRINCIPLES

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## What is this resource?

The guide to applying ethical research principles is an **accessible, practical** guide which outlines **5 ethical research principles**: need, integrity, accountability, confidentiality, and safety. It has examples of good and 'not so good' practice to illuminate some pitfalls that can be easily and unintentionally stumbled upon, and case studies to describe ethical decision making in practice.

Find out what to do and how, to ensure your research participants and you are safe during the research process. It is helpful to:

- Researchers working in or with the third sector
- Those working in the third sector who may not identify themselves as researchers but **undertake some research activity**, such as, setting up focus groups or doing interviews
- **Practitioners** in the third sector who evaluate their work
- **Funders** who undertake research as well as commission research and evaluations to support good ethical practice of their funded organisations and safeguard recipients of third sector services
- **Scottish Government** teams supporting third sector organisations
- Those providing third sector training and support as an additional resource to signpost trainees to **information about good research and safeguarding practice**
- **Universities and higher educational institutions** working with third sector organisations to signpost third sector partners for a better understanding of the ethical principles that their own ethics committees will be considering.

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## Be part of this work

We are interested to hear from those using the guide. We will publish an accompanying document which will include case studies about how the guide is being used in the third sector. The case studies will be presented at an event in **February 2022**.
If you would like to be part of this, please email info@evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk