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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form
 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named The Fast and the Furious. It is being conducted by Alison Ledgerwood, who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at amk308@nyu.edu, (212) 998-3981, or 6 Washington Place, Dept. of Psychology, room 762.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about the speed-accuracy tradeoff in reaction-time tasks.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: complete two reaction-time tasks (involving quick categorization of stimuli) on the computer. His/her participation will take about 40 minutes.

Its Risks: There are no known risks associated with this study.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand the speed-accuracy tradeoff.

Consent: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive his/her credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assignment of a code number that will never be linked with your child's name. Confidentiality will be maintained until 5 years after publication, as recommended by APA, after which the research records will be disposed of by shredding.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Alison Ledgerwood, at her contact provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.

I have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

 Parent's or Guardian's Signature

 Date