


Module 1: Introduction to Psychology

Topic 3 Content: Ethical Guidelines Notes

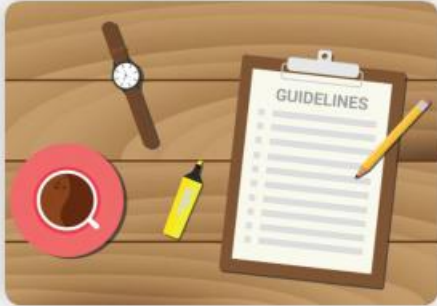
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Informed Consent

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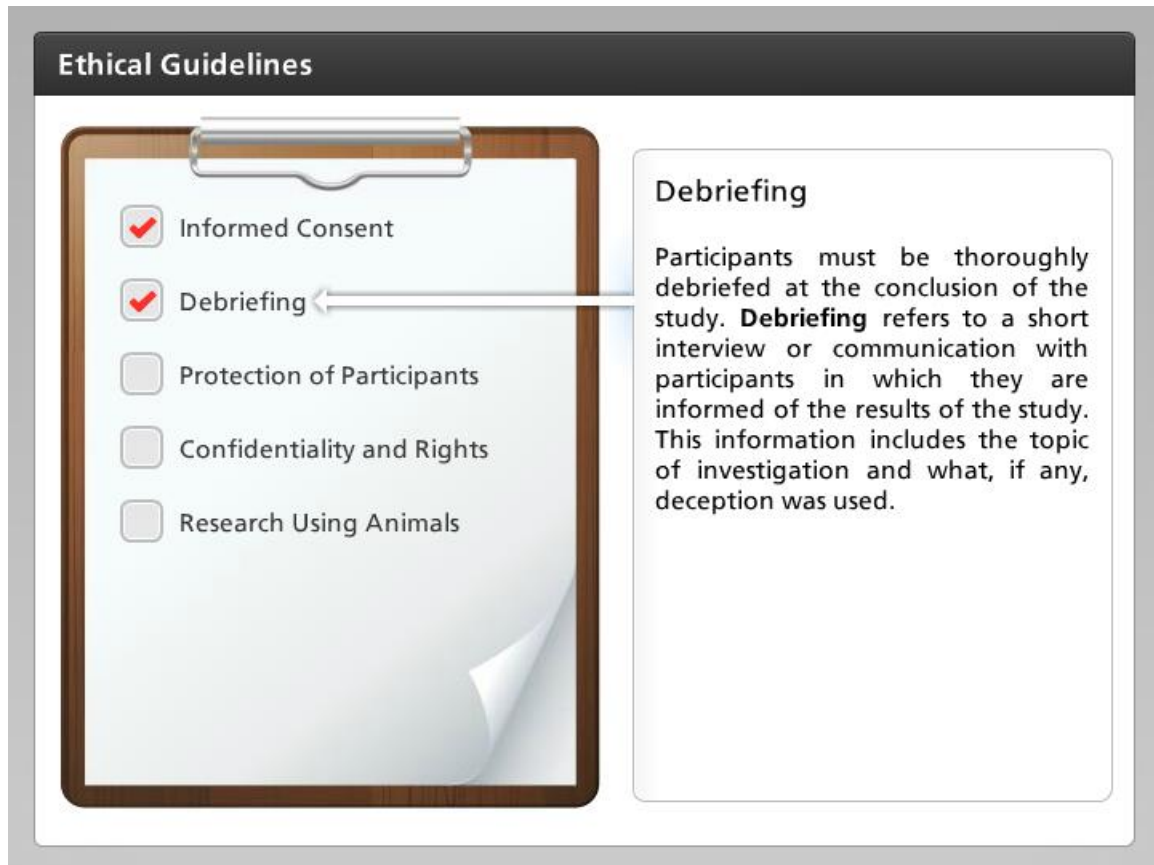
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Debriefing



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The callout box, titled "Debriefing", contains the following text:

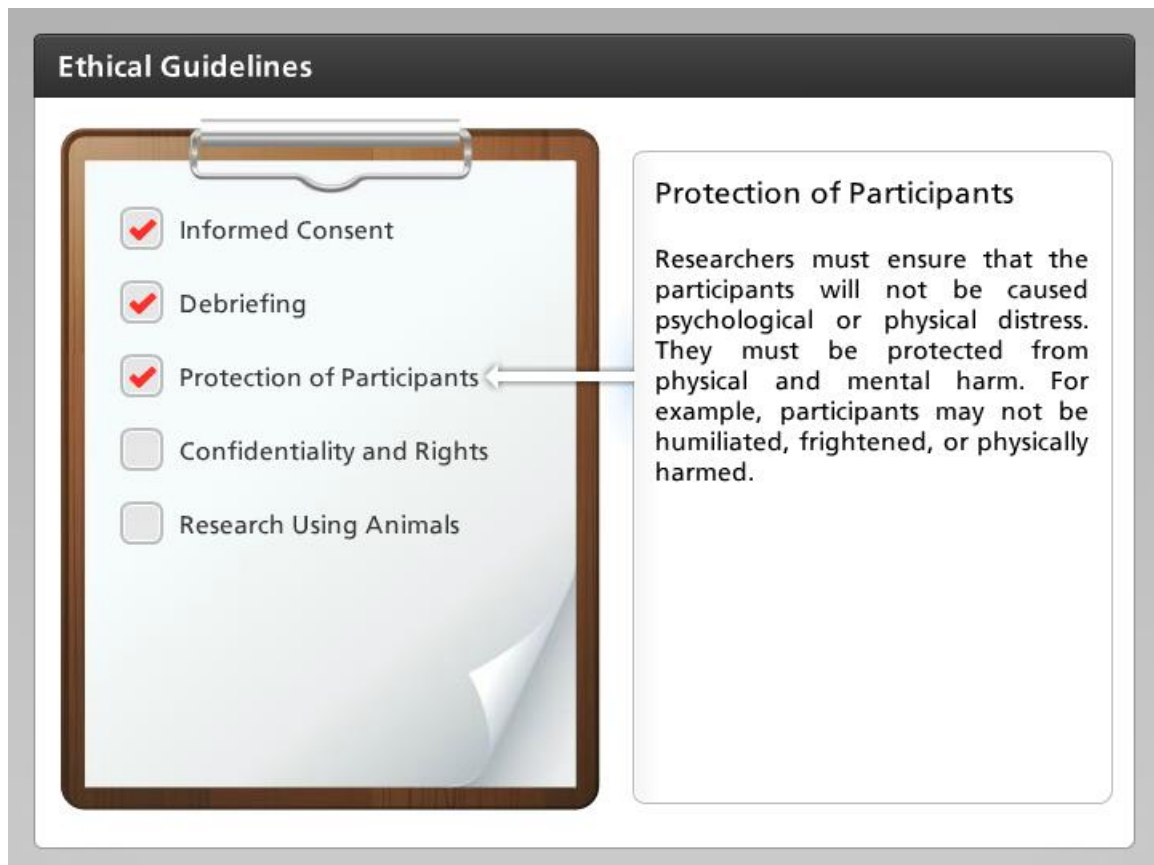
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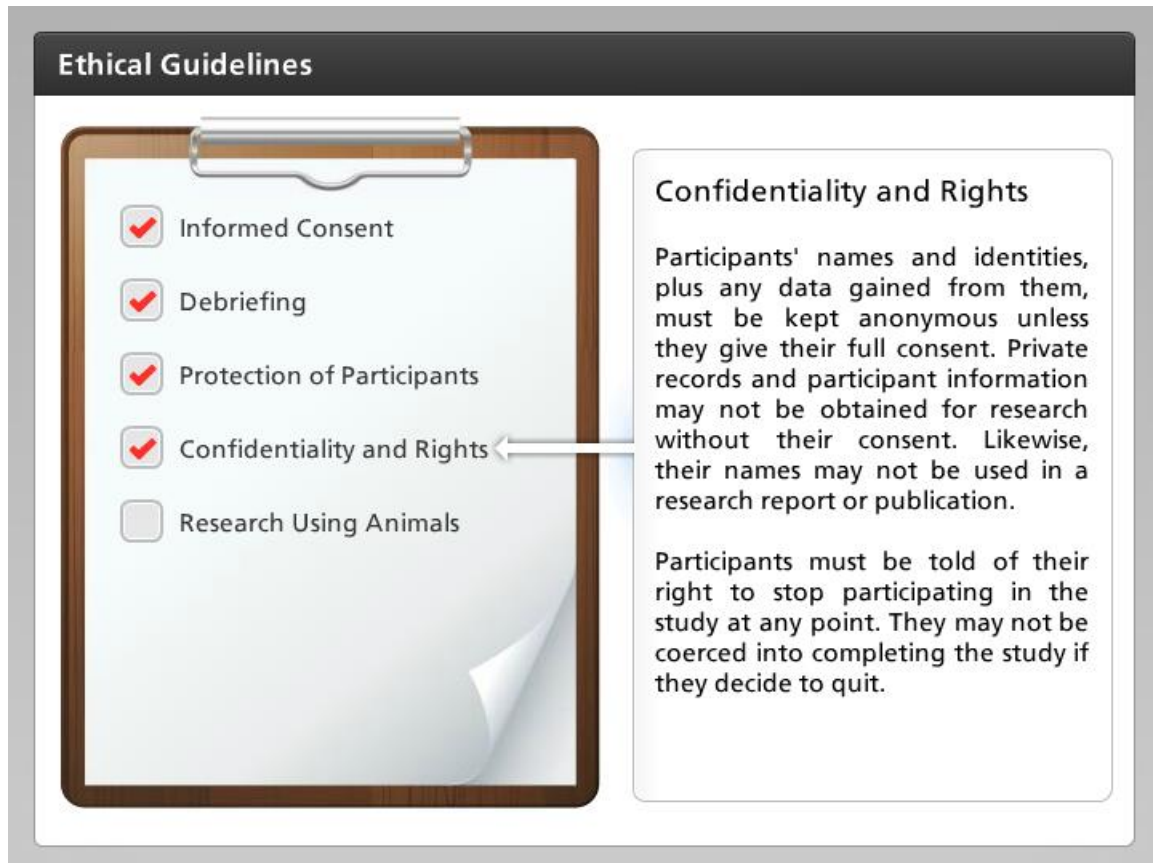
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Confidentiality and Rights



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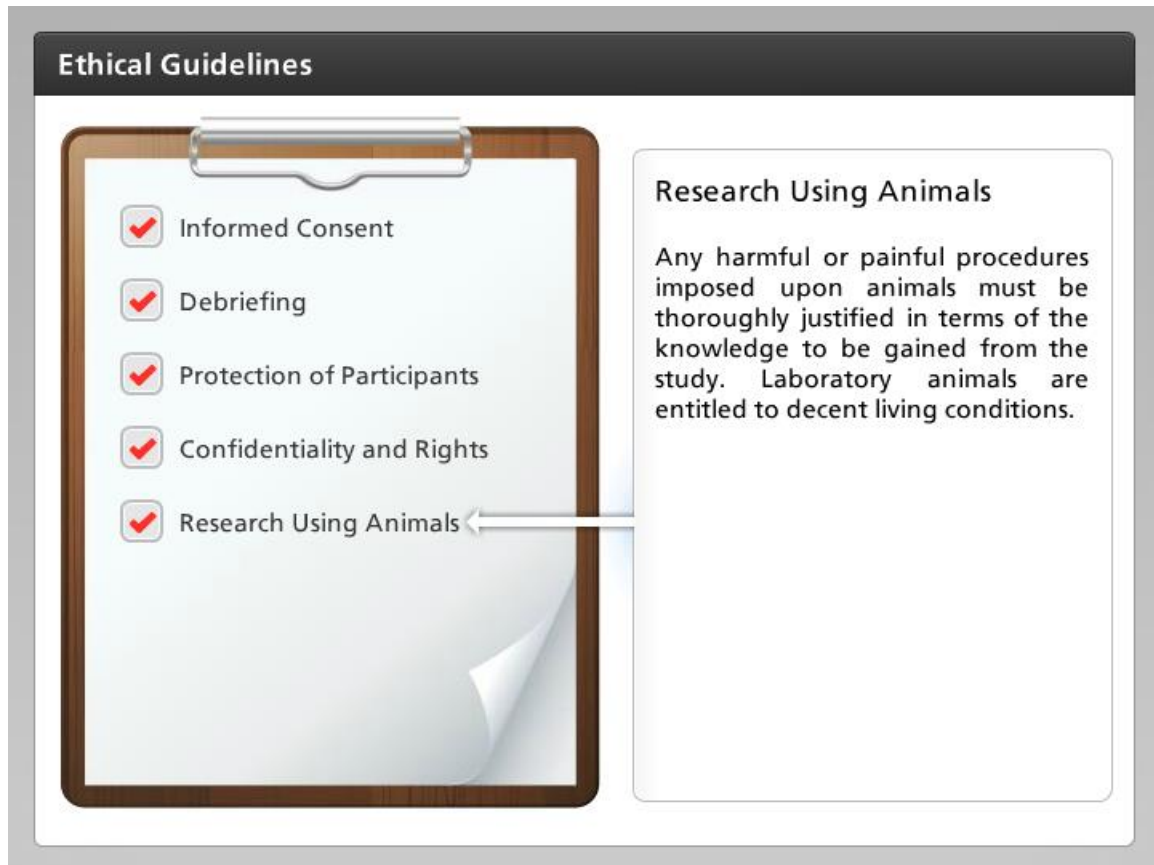
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Research Using Animals



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