

**ABORIGINAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE
DISTRESS PROTOCOL TEMPLATE**

This template may be used when developing a research project which includes sensitive topics and will provide the project team with the steps to initiate in the event that a participant demonstrates signs of distress.

AH&MRC HREC Reference Number:	
Full project title:	
Protocol version number:	

Chief Investigator:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Address:	
Contact details:	

Questions:	Please complete:
<p>Outline briefly who will be in direct contact with participants and what their skills may be to address the distress to participants:</p> <p>This should include name, role and brief outline of skills and experience.</p>	
<p>Outline what processes have been put in place before participants engage in the project as well as during and post engagement:</p>	
<p>Outline how the project team will communicate the risk of distress to participants?</p>	
<p>Outline the potential risks to participants who may become distressed and how these will be mitigated:</p>	
<p>Outline how the project team will recognise distress to participants:</p>	
<p>Outline what the project team will do to address the distress to participants:</p>	
<p>Will your project team follow-up with participants? If so, please outline when and how this may occur:</p>	
<p>Additional information, if necessary:</p>	
<p>List all documents related to this distress protocol:</p>	