

# **The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and approval of personal data processing in the National Crime Survey.**

## **Welcome to the National Crime Survey!**

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You are one of 68,000 Norwegians who have been randomly selected to participate in the National Crime Survey. Your answer is important, whether or not you are worried about crime, and whether or not you have been a victim of crime. You will not be asked if you have committed a crime. Knowledge about different groups' fear of and exposure to crime in our society is important for both policy development and research. There are also large numbers of unrecorded cases in several areas. Through this survey, such unrecorded cases will be identified and mapped

Most of the questions in the survey will be about fear of and exposure to crime in 2023. Other questions will be about you, or things you may have experienced during your life.

Participation in the National Crime Survey is voluntary, and the information you provide will be treated confidentially. If you decide to participate, you can still withdraw your participation at any time. You can choose whether you want to answer all the questions in the survey or not.

The Ministry of Justice and Public Security has commissioned the National Crime Survey, and the survey is being conducted by researchers at Norwegian Social Research NOVA (OsloMet), the Frisch Centre and ideas2evidence.

In the following, you will find detailed information about the goals of the project and what participation involves for you personally.

## **Purpose**

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## **Who is responsible for the research project?**

Norwegian Social Research NOVA at OsloMet, the Frisch Centre and ideas2evidence are responsible for this survey. The project is commissioned by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security. The parties responsible for the project have carried out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) of the project in collaboration with the data protection service at Sikt -

the Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research, and their own data protection officer.

### **Why are you being asked about participating?**

You are invited to participate in the National Crime Survey because you are between 16 and 84 years old and live in Norway. 68,000 others have also been invited to participate. Everyone who is invited has been randomly selected from the National Population Register. In this way, many people have the opportunity to tell about their experiences, and we get a more robust overview of the actual fear of and exposure to crime in Norway.

### **What does participation entail?**

You participate in this project by completing an online survey. The survey contains questions about you and your life, any fears you might have about crime, and whether you have been the victim of crime.

In addition to the answers you give in the survey, we have applied for and gained access to some information about you from the National Population Register and the Common Contact Register (KRR):

- Name
- Address
- Telephone number and e-mail address
- Date of birth
- Gender
- National identity Number
- Place of birth
- Citizenship
- Marital status
- Residence and registration status

### **Participation in the project is voluntary.**

If you choose to participate, you can withdraw your consent at any time without giving a reason. All information about you will then be anonymised. There will be no negative consequences for you if you don't want to participate or later decide to withdraw. If you do not choose to participate, all information we hold about you will be deleted.

### **Your data protection – how we store and use your information**

We will only use your information for the purposes we have disclosed in this statement. We process the information confidentially and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

- Data will only be made available to the project's work group and researchers.
- Your name and contact information will be replaced with a code that is stored on a name list separate from other data.

- The data material will be stored in encrypted form on a dedicated server with access control ideas2evidence is responsible for collecting and processing data.
- Researchers at research institutions such as Norwegian Social Research NOVA and the Frisch Centre will analyse the collected data.
- During the data collection phase, personal data may be processed in countries outside the EU/EEA (USA).
- Data transfer is guaranteed through EU's standard data protection regulations (Standard Contractual Clauses), ref. Article 46 (2) c, as well as additional measures to protect your privacy. Results presented from the survey will be anonymous and cannot be linked back to you.

### **How long will your data be stored?**

The collected information will be stored for use in research and in future implementations of the National Crime Survey. The data will be stored securely and confidentially. Knowledge about fear and exposure over time, in addition to individual years, is important for both policy development and research. Therefore, there is no date for deletion of data.

### **Your rights**

As long as you can be identified in the data material, you are entitled to:

- access to the personal data that is registered about you,
- have personal data about you rectified,
- have personal data about you deleted,
- obtain a copy of your personal data (data portability), and
- to lodge a complaint with the data protection officer or the Norwegian Data Protection Authority about the processing of your personal data.

### **What gives us the right to process personal data about you?**

We process information about you based on your consent. This is pursuant to the Personal Data Act (GDPR Article 6, No. 1 letter a). On behalf of OsloMet, the Data Protection Services have assessed that the processing of personal data in this project is in accordance with the data protection regulations, cf. art. 12.1 and art. 13 and art. 14 for extracting samples from the National Population Register.

### **Where can I find out more about this?**

If you have any questions about the study or would like to exercise your rights, please contact:

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