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Here are some questions you should ask yourself when thinking through the ethical issues which might arise in relation to your research, referring to fundamental ethical principles.

Human participants: Risk and consent

- Have you determined if your research involves human participants who would be required to give informed consent to their participation in the research?
- Have you established the degree of risk, if any, to participants in your research?
- Have you established whether your participants are competent to give consent?
- If not, have you established who might be able to give consent on their behalf?
- Have you prepared an account in plain language of the purposes of the research which explains the role of participants and risks to them, if any?
- Have you prepared an appropriate document which explains the rights of participants, including the right to withdraw consent at any time?
- Have you prepared an explicit consent form for participants?

Endorsement from appropriate body

- Have you established who or what body will be required to endorse the ethical process you have established for your work?
- Have you prepared in an appropriate form a submission to that body?

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