

Survey Monkey Disclaimer – Data Security

The use of Survey Monkey has raised some concerns among Canadian REBs given that the company cannot guarantee the security of the data it stores. Further, Survey Monkey stores all personal information it collects in the United States and thus the data is subject to the *U.S. Patriots Act*. As a result, a number of REBs have begun to require researchers who are employing Survey Monkey to include a warning and/or message as part of their Info/Consent forms which includes this information:

Please note that the online survey is hosted by "Survey Monkey" which is a web survey company located in the USA. All responses to the survey will be stored and accessed in the USA. This company is subject to U.S. laws, in particular, to the U.S. Patriot Act that allows authorities access to the records of internet service providers. If you choose to participate in the survey you understand that your responses to the questions will be stored and accessed in the USA. The security and privacy policy for Survey Monkey can be viewed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/>.

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