What are the preventive health telephone surveys?
The preventive health telephone surveys ask Queenslanders about their health and lifestyle. Questions are about things like obesity, nutrition, physical activity, sun exposure and adults are asked about their smoking and alcohol consumption.

How are they used?
Results are used by government and non-government organisations to improve the health of Queenslanders and make informed decisions about health policies and services.

Who runs them?
The Queensland Government Department of Health runs the survey and the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office does the telephone interviewing.

When does it happen?
Each year, there is an adult and child survey (parents complete the interview about their child’s health). This year, people will be contacted from about October 2018 to March 2019 (adults) and October to December 2018 (children).

Do I have to participate?
Participation is confidential and voluntary. Participants may refuse to answer particular questions.

Why does it matter where I live?
Surveys are used to assess health needs in local government areas, Hospital and Health Services, and Primary Health Networks. You may be asked for information about where you live to make sure the results for your area are accurate.

How did you get my telephone number?
Queensland Government Statistician’s Office randomly selects households from databases which are either publicly available or for official statistical purposes under the authority of the Statistical Returns Act (1896).

How is my information kept safe?
All responses are strictly confidential and are protected by law under the Queensland Government’s Statistical Returns Act (1896). Penalties apply if information that compromises the privacy of participants is released.

Where can I find more information?
Results are available in the Chief Health Officer reports and through the Queensland survey analytic system, an online system of interactive graphs and results. [https://www.health.qld.gov.au/research-reports/population-health/preventive/data/preventive-health-surveys/results/default.asp]


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