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This study was one in a series of studies that are being used in the creation of a new scale of measurement for risk perception. This specific study had two main objectives: (1) to determine a scoring procedure for the new scale, and (2) to identify any unnecessary or invalid question items. While the final sample size was not large enough to validate a scoring procedure for the new scale, the participants’ responses did provide some evidence of a subscale structure, which will assist in the development of a scoring procedure. The second goal of the study was to eliminate any unnecessary or redundant items. This study was successful in providing data that contributed to a reduction in scale size from 172 items to 47 items.