

Reporting from the frontline

SAFETY TIPS FOR JOURNALISTS

1. DON'T FORGET YOUR PRESS CARD

It's vital to prove your identity at a breaking incident or protest. No valid card? Tell your editor.



2. IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO POLICE

Let police know who you are. It can help you get a better story and stay safe. Have College of Policing guidelines to hand.

3. PLAN AHEAD AND STAY IN TOUCH

Identify any potential issues with your newsdesk beforehand and regularly update them while at the scene. Make sure your phone is charged.

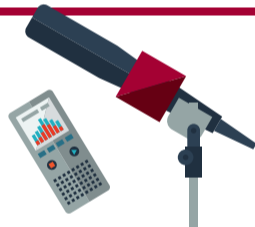


4. MONITOR THE SITUATION

Avoid confrontation, stay on the edges of a crowd if things could escalate and be aware of your surroundings.

5. APPROACHING PEOPLE

When interviewing someone, be polite and respectful. Also be on your guard and keep a reasonable distance from them.



6. WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHES

Consider whether you should wear boots, a cycling helmet, non-flammable clothing. Take only what you need in a small backpack.



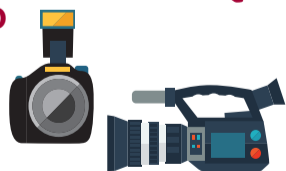
7. DO NOT ENGAGE

If you are approached by someone acting aggressively towards you, do not escalate things, just remove yourself from the scene.



8. TAKING PHOTOS OR VIDEO

Don't get in the way of police, identify good vantage points and take photos or videos from a safe distance.



9. STICK TOGETHER

If you'd feel safer having a colleague alongside you, let your newsdesk know. Have each other's backs and arrange a safe meeting place.



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