

Reporting Courts

Communications & Media

Why active proceedings restrict what may be published, and the risks.

General principles, with wide national variation.

Typical restrictions

Risk of prejudicing a live trial

Reporting restrictions and anonymity orders

Protection for children in proceedings

Limits on identifying certain victims

Rules on jury deliberations

Safer practice

Report what was said in open court

Attribute to the proceedings precisely

Avoid publishing untested material

Check for orders before publishing

Take legal advice when in doubt

Educational reference. Contempt and court reporting rules differ enormously between countries; some have almost none. Not legal