

Reporting Trauma

Communications & Media

Covering death, violence and disaster without adding to the harm.

Approach, method and specific guidance.

Method

Identify yourself and the purpose clearly

Accept a refusal the first time

Let them set pace, place and limits

Explain what will be published, and when

Check facts back where it is safe to

Widely used guidance

Avoid describing suicide method or site

Do not present suicide as a solution

Include help information where relevant

Avoid gratuitous images of the dead

Consider risk to the reporter as well

Educational reference. Suicide reporting guidelines exist in most countries and evidence supports them. Follow your local guidance.