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Potential impacts of publicity on minors





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PART 2

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DO'S DON'T

<p>Always change names and obscure the visual of child victims.</p> <p>Protect the identity of the child whose rights have been violated, including the identity of the parents, school and the neighborhood of the victim.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>IDENTITY</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>* Reveal a victim or criminal suspect's identities including their name, school, work, etc. Consider the implications of identifying criminal suspects and such reports may complicate law enforcement work. Unless it's absolutely necessary for example, a missing child report.</p>
<p>Use non violent animation or text descriptions instead of publication of the image of the child victims.</p> <p>Sensitive reports including the death of the child victim must be carried out respectfully. Journalists should not publish information or images that may cause any unnecessary harm to the victim's friends and family.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>IMAGE</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>* Revealing the identities of the subjects in the photographs, videos or any information collected concerning identities of vulnerable individuals that compromise the dignity of the victim and their family.</p> <p>** Publishing sexual harassment images or videos.</p>
<p>Show compassion and use heightened sensitivity when dealing with children, adolescents and their families who may be affected by the news coverage. Ethical reporters should serve the public interest without compromising the right of the children.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>CONTENTS</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>* Pursuit of the news in arrogance or undue intrusiveness or take advantage to serve public interest over child survivor's interest.</p> <p>Publishing the identities of sexual abuse survivor exposes an intimate suffering results in victims and affected family being stigmatized.</p> <p>News stories that are opinions or biased reporting.</p>
<p>The dignity and rights of every child and affected family are to be respected in every circumstances.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>WORD CHOICE</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>Descriptive reporting that visualizes traumatic events.</p>
<p>Minimize in interviewing on children, it is suggested to interview with legal authorities or children psychologist.</p> <p>The best interest of each child is to be protected over the public interest.</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>OTHERS</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>Direct interview with the child victim.</p>

