

Crisis Contact Information to Include in Coverage

When reporting on mental health, suicide, trauma, or crisis-related topics, it is important to include accurate crisis support information. Providing resources can help connect people to immediate support when they need it.

Why Crisis Information Matters

Media coverage may affect people who are struggling emotionally or experiencing a crisis. Including support information reminds readers and viewers that help is available.

Adding crisis resources can:

- Encourage people to seek help
- Promote safety and awareness
- Reduce feelings of isolation
- Connect individuals to professional support

Recommended Crisis Resources

Consider including the following resources in stories related to suicide, mental health, grief, trauma, or emotional distress.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

- Call or text 988
- Available 24/7
- Free and confidential support for people in crisis or emotional distress

Emergency Services

- Call 911 in an emergency or if someone is in immediate danger

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Wyandot BHN Services

- 24/7 Local Crisis Line: (913) 788-4200
- RSI Crisis Center: 1301 North 47th St., Building B, Kansas City, KS 66102
- *Details:* Houses sobering, observation, and stabilization units.
- Wyandot Center Crisis Clinic: 1301 N. 47th St., Building A, Kansas City, KS 66102
- *Hours:* Walk-in Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- PACES (Youth Services): 7840 Washington Ave, Kansas City, KS 66112
- *Hours:* Walk-in Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When to Include Crisis Information

Crisis resources should be included in coverage involving:

Examples include:

- Suicide or suicide attempts
- Mental health crises
- Self-harm
- Substance use crises
- Traumatic events
- Grief and loss
- Community violence or disasters

Best Practices

When sharing crisis resources:

- Place them in a visible location
- Use clear and simple language
- Ensure phone numbers and websites are accurate
- Avoid overwhelming readers with too much information

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Remember

Including crisis support information is a simple but important step that can help connect someone to lifesaving resources.

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