

TIPS FOR JOURNALISTS WORKING IN MILITARY UNITS

- ◆ Always have a minimum set of documents with you (passport, editorial ID, accreditation card, etc.), as well as other additional documents that allow you to significantly reduce the time to establish your identity.
- ◆ Be calm - this is the main rule: the military are doing their job, and your safety depends on them.
- ◆ Answer any question as calmly as possible, without provoking a conflict.
- ◆ Never argue or fight with a person who has weapons, instead try to enter into a constructive conversation as soon as possible.
- ◆ Clarify the purpose of your visit and what you need to complete the editorial task to the unit commander, not to the first-best service member you meet.
- ◆ If the situation reaches an impasse, it is worth moving away, calling the press centre of the relevant Operational Strategic Group of Troops (OSGT) or the Public Relations Department of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- ◆ Heed the advice and follow the orders of the military – it can save your health and your life.
- ◆ After publishing the material, send the press officer who escorted you an internet link to the publication – this will contribute to continued fruitful cooperation with him/her.





PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITATION OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES



Order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine dated 32022, No., "On the Procedure of Interaction between the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Other Components of the Defence Forces and Mass Media Representatives during the Legal Regime of Martial Law"



FOR ATTENTION OF THE MEDIA! WARNING!

- ◆ DO NOT go to dangerous areas unprepared (have protective equipment marked “ПРЕКА” or “PRESS”, a first-aid kit, learn the first aid and self-help skills in advance);
- ◆ You should NOT work alone – it is safer to team up with two or three journalists;
- ◆ DO NOT remove your protective equipment while in the danger zone;
- ◆ DO NOT wear elements of a military uniform – your clothing should be comfortable but not military style and should not have military elements;
- ◆ DO NOT publish data on shelling or casualties unless it has been reported through official sources, even in the cases where you have the most reliable information;
- ◆ DO NOT disclose positions, roadblocks, locations of airstrikes and shelling that have just taken place or other sensitive information. Take photos and videos with close-up and medium shots, without reference to the area.
- ◆ DO NOT take photos and videos without the permission of law enforcement officers or military personnel, do not take pictures of their faces without their consent. Otherwise, you may be asked to delete the captured footage.





RECOMMENDATIONS TO JOURNALISTS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK DURING MILITARY LAW



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR JOURNALISTS
FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF
THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE



MEMO FOR CITIZENS

Rules for dissemination of information during martial law

- ◆ Do not share information from dubious sources. The goal of disinformation disseminators is to sow panic and weaken our will to defend ourselves. Don't help the enemy, help yourself: maintain self-control and do not share information of an emotional nature on social media.
- ◆ Look for reliable information on the official pages and channels of state bodies and Public Broadcasting.
- ◆ Do not in any way spread information about the movement of Ukrainian troops – this way you can harm those who protect you and the state.
- ◆ Information about losses can be known only to the security and defence authorities of Ukraine. Information from private accounts may not be true to fact – do not rush to share such information with others.
- ◆ The enemy usually spreads slander and “treason” through its official or controlled channels and can also use other means: covering up with patriotic slogans, Ukrainian symbols, etc. Be vigilant – check messages and appeals that appear patriotic but are questionable in content.





MEMO FOR CITIZENS

RECOMMENDED FOR YOUR SAFETY

- ◆ DO NOT wear an army uniform or camouflage clothing - it is better to wear clothes with dark colors that do not attract attention, and avoid any symbols, because they may cause an inadequate reaction;
- ◆ DO NOT observe the course of hostilities, DO NOT stand, DO NOT run under fire;
- ◆ DO NOT approach windows if you hear shooting;
- ◆ DO NOT argue with armed people, DO NOT take photos and DO NOT record in their presence;
- ◆ DO NOT pick up abandoned weapons and munitions;
- ◆ DO NOT touch explosive or suspicious items, DO NOT try to disassemble them or move them to another place. Immediately report their location to the territorial bodies of the State Emergency Service and the National Police by calling "101" and "102".