

How to minimize the risks inherent in covering the news around the world, especially in conflict and war zones.

Risks to the physical and mental health of the journalists involved.

Some of the factors that have increased risk

- Global spread of news; meaning the subject of your story is more likely to learn about it on the internet. Risks involved with that.
- Communications technology; satellite comms equipment can put the journalist in harm's way for longer than used to be the case.
- Risk assessment training programs and the use, on occasion of armed security teams to protect journalists.
- Local journalists; increasingly media companies are relying on local journalists for their expertise and knowledge of the stories they cover. Moving "like a fish in water" can be safer, but it can also be easier to target and intimidate local journalists who do not always have the luxury of being able to leave their countries.
- Mental health; what do companies do when journalists need assistance processing the experiences they have lived through. Do regular Employee Assistance Programs have the expertise needed in dealing with trauma as it relates to journalism?