

# More Effective Communication: A Manual for Professionals (Response Books)

**CRISIS MEDIA TRAINING BEST PRACTICES**  
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**1** Avoid the phrase "no comment" because people think it means the organization is guilty and trying to hide something.

**2** Present information clearly by avoiding jargon or technical terms. Lack of clarity makes people think the organization is purposefully being confusing in order to hide something.

**3** A spokesperson needs to have strong eye contact, limited "uhms" or "uhs", and avoid distracting nervous behaviors, such as fidgeting or pacing, that people may interpret as deception.

**4** Brief all potential spokespersons on the latest crisis information and the key message points the organization is trying to convey to stakeholders.

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