

Journalist Pack

Executive Summary



2025 will be the first time in seven years that Ireland will go to the polls to elect a new president.

This is an important process in our democracy. Journalists will be reporting to the public on the various steps of nomination, campaigning and election. It is clear that journalists are facing increasing online abuse and threats globally and in Ireland. Online abuse directed at journalists is a threat to freedom of expression and can undermine democracy.

Coimisiún na Meán, in conjunction with the National Union of Journalists and An Garda Síochána, has created this information pack to assist journalists in delivering their crucial role, both during and outside of election cycles.

This information pack for journalists includes the following:

- **Slide 7:** What you should do if you experience abuse online
- **Slides 8–24:** Realistic scenarios that might affect journalists regarding online abuse, and what they can do about them
- **Slides 25–33:** How to report abusive content to various online platforms and how to report to An Garda Síochána
- **Slides 34–37:** Supports available for journalists if they experience abuse online

Coimisiún na Meán's main message to journalists is that abuse and threats are **not** part of your job. It's important to report abusive content online and to let your editor or line manager know.



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