

For discussion of handout “What you say on the radio”

possible legal objections

>> strategies on how to deal with them

Keep in mind that there are civil and penal laws to be taken into account, as well as the press laws or press codes relevant in each country and the statutes of the individual radio station

Ad 1..)

further research: statement of the former mayor?

otherwise: expect mayor to request correction

>>distinguish clearly: quote district attorney verbatim, otherwise don't speculate.

>>mayor deserves public attention, source (DA) is reliable; however, the farmer who sold the property may be identifiable depending on the area: if unsure, delete last sentence and do further research first

Ad 2.)

The source should be given (interview by Tobias Kniebe in newspaper xy)

The quote itself is perfectly alright

Ad 3.)

The police report is a reliable source, it can be quoted.

However, in a local context the bricklayer's apprentice would probably be identifiable – this is not allowed!

The final comment on the defensive goal should be deleted: it is unfitting to be flippant in a case where there were victims.

Ad 4.)

“nautious” is suggestive and damaging to the company, not factual

the remark about the origin of the meat is a vague assertion, not based on fact or research

“supposedly”: is this a fact, a rumor, or what?

statement from McD???

>>this item cannot be broadcast!

Ad 5.)

details about people's relationships are under legal protection! They must not be revealed, particularly when the individuals are identifiable (additional factor: publicly calling 'Willy' an alcoholic could be calumny or libel, damaging to him in any case)

a personal letter is a non-public source which cannot be made public.

Ad 6.)

Absolutely unacceptable: this is racist and is denigrating to a group of persons on the basis of their religion.

The comment about the 'stink bomb' is tantamount to inciting racial hate and violence.

Ad 7.)

A violation of law (consumption of a joint) is being announced on the radio! This can have disastrous effects for the whole station (not only for the person speaking). Perhaps the police will come and check the station?

This positive recommendation of an illegal act (use of drugs) is also, in most countries, contradictory to youth protection laws, since it depicts an illegal drug as something harmless

Ad 8.)

particularly if Sybille can be identified, this is a violation of her personal rights

it is also sexist (thus contradictory to the statutes of most community stations)

>>keep away from comments like this: such personal remarks are not suited for broadcast!