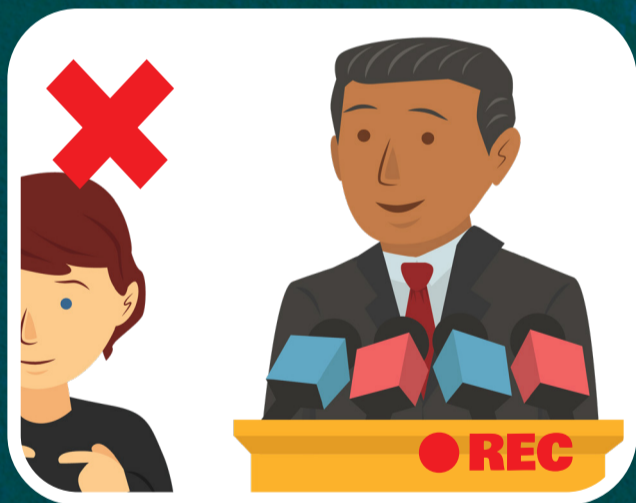


TO SIGN IS TO BE SEEN

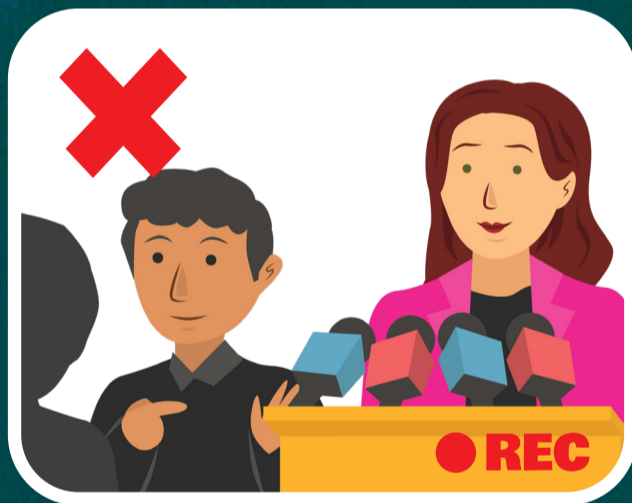
Everyone has the right to accessible information in an emergency. **NZ Sign Language (NZSL) interpreters help keep the Deaf community safe and informed.**

They should be considered an extension of the spokesperson. Including an interpreter means you're including the Deaf community.

Here are some tips so you can help NZSL interpreters get important messages across.



Fully framed in shot



Free of obstructions



Free of distractions

AND REMEMBER:

- At the start, ensure all in attendance (e.g. camera operators) understand what is needed.
- Plan ahead - when booking an interpreter, give them as much notice as possible.
- Help the interpreter prep - allow time to walk them through what's planned and share key talking points in advance.
- Seek the interpreter's advice to ensure they're comfortable with lighting, positioning, etc.
- Stream it online so Deaf audiences can view the whole thing.
- When filming, wait until the interpreter has finished signing before you cut away.



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