

The Media



The media can report on crimes and punishments. This is to keep justice open and clear. But sometimes, this can cause problems for people with convictions.

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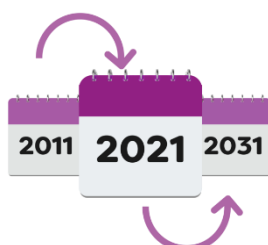


If the media says something untrue about you, you can ask them to fix it. If they don't, you can complain to [Independent Press Standards Office \(IPSO\)](#), which checks newspapers and magazines.

IPSO makes sure newspapers follow rules. You can find out how to complain on their website.

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If the problem is on TV or radio, you complain to [Ofcom](#).



If your conviction is old and should be private, it can be tricky. The media might still share it, saying it's public information.



You can ask the media to remove old stories about you. Sometimes they agree, but sometimes they say it's important for the public to know.

If you ask one media outlet to remove a story, you should also ask others who shared it. This can take a lot of time.



If you think your privacy is broken, you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#) for help.

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Remember, dealing with the media can be hard, but there are people and organisations that can help you.