

Media Code of Conduct

The Conservative Party is committed to providing an engaging event which delivers insights, engagement, enjoyment and other wider benefits to attendees, exhibitors, commercial partners, and media as well as supporting the wider host city and its economic infrastructure.

To ensure that the Conservative Party Conference is a seamless and rewarding experience for everyone, we respectfully ask for your adherence to the following guidelines.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

We ask that all media partners adhere to the National Union of Journalists Code of Conduct and, in addition:

- Always act in a professional and respectful manner regarding interactions with staff, exhibitors, visitors, and official contractors.
- If you have something happening or scheduled which may cause a disturbance to the smooth running of the conference (even briefly) please bring this to the attention of the organisers as soon as possible.
- Rudeness to others (be they exhibitors, staff, or attendees) and inappropriate behaviour of any kind is not acceptable and will not be tolerated by the organisers.

As such we refer to the general Conference Terms and Conditions.

“We will not tolerate abuse, intimidation or threats made to any of our staff, attendees, contractors, or suppliers. Anyone in breach of this will be ejected from the event and banned from all future Conservative Party events.

Anyone attempting to disrupt or bring the event into disrepute will be ejected and banned from attending all future Conservative Party events.”

DOORSTEPPING

We aim to provide a safe and convivial atmosphere throughout build up, conference opening hours, fringe (both on and off site) and breakdown. We therefore request that all media partners follow the Ofcom Broadcasting Code regarding Doorstepping (as detailed below) and the following code of conduct to ensure that their teams and any attendees who come under the invite or endorsement of their corporate or organisational attendance are also shown and agree to the policy.

We would like to remind all media organisations that whilst we respect your right to doorstep individuals, there will be consequences for erratic or dangerous behaviour. Ofcom guidance stipulates that *'Doorstepping for factual programmes should not take place unless a request for an interview has been refused or it has not been possible to request an interview, or there is good reason to believe that an investigation will be frustrated if the subject is approached openly, and it is warranted to doorstep. However, normally broadcasters may, without prior warning interview, film, or record people in the news when in public places.'*

The Conservative Party Conference is not a public space. It is a private event where we have the right to remove those who act in an erratic and dangerous way. Broadcasters will be offered the opportunity to speak to a variety of senior Conservatives, so we please ask that you keep door-stepping safe and to a minimum.

Any Notice of Force issued by the police or security services against individuals during the Conservative Party Conference will be taken incredibly seriously and will result in those individuals immediately being escorted from the premises.

PASS GUIDELINES

- Conference passes must be worn at all times within the secure zone.
- Security will be located at the various event entrances during these times and will not permit entrance without a pass.
- Passes are non-transferable and are for advanced registered holders ONLY.

SECURITY ADVISORY

- Please note that Conference Management cannot assume any responsibility or liability for lost, damaged, or stolen property
- In the unfortunate event that a theft or damage does occur, please report it to the Organisers and security as soon as possible.
- It is important to obtain your own insurance coverage against all contingencies (including public liability and loss / damage) from the time it leaves your property until it returns.

FILMING RESTRICTIONS

- Absolutely no filming, broadcast interviews or photography is allowed inside the conference hotel without prior permission from the conference organisers. Failure to abide by this will result in your removal from the premises by security, and consideration of the continuing status of your accreditation and holding of a pass.
- If an organisation is storing equipment in that hotel, this equipment should have a special tag identifying who the equipment belongs to.

- We ask that the bridge link between the Hyatt Regency Birmingham and ICC Birmingham is kept clear - there is a cordoned off area on the ICC side for filming walking shots. Access or movement of attendees must not be impeded.
- In the Conference Auditorium, a broadcast pool will be in place and as such filming beyond those operating on behalf of the pool will be restricted, and only with the prior permission of the conference organisers. For those that are filming we ask that you observe sight lines and are mindful of delegates when filming. Additional specific media passes will be required to access the floor of the Conference Auditorium and can be collected from the Press Office during the conference.
- In the ICC Birmingham conference exhibition hall, there can be no filming unless your organisation has been allocated a broadcast 'stand up' position or has a broadcast stall in the exhibition centre. If you would like to film on the floor, and do not meet these criteria, you will need permission from the conference organisers. Those filming in the exhibition hall will be checked by conference staff to ensure this is being complied with.