



Incident reports – documentation guidelines



Incident reports should be...

- Factual, relevant, and objective
- · Accurate and precise
- · Complete, clear, and concise
- Well organized (paints a picture/tells a story)
- Timely
- · Grammatically correct
- Easy to read (limited use of approved abbreviations and acronyms)



Incident reports should not have...

- Assumptions, opinions, or value judgements
- Subjective statements unless direct quotes or supported with facts
- Incomplete, inconsistent, or inaccurate statements
- Lack of details (who, what, when, where, how, why)
- Unclear, unorganized, or confusing details (no definitive conclusion)
- · Poor grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Use of unapproved or unfamiliar terms, abbreviations, and acronyms

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