

## **Low-cost worldwide insurance for journalists**

We have had lots of enquiries, particularly from freelancers, about insurance.

Reporters Sans Frontières (Reporters Without Borders) [www.rsf.org](http://www.rsf.org) has arranged a global insurance policy for journalists, photographers and freelancers who are citizens of the European Union.

The policy is provided by the French insurance company Bellini Prévoyance in partnership with the ACE insurance group.

There are three options, details of which are available from RSF, ranging in cost from three euros per day to six euros per day and 7.5 euros per day.

The cheapest option provides medical and other assistance. The other two options also include compensation for accidental death during an assignment and disability resulting from an accident while on assignment.

Depending on which level you choose, coverage can include assistance worldwide, medical expenses, personal assistance, travel incidents, legal assistance, bail, non-professional acts liability, loss, theft or destruction of luggage, and accidental death or disability.

The policy must be chosen before the start of any assignment. It includes medical and assistance coverage provided by ACE Europe and applies to the whole of the assignment up to 90 consecutive days.

Applicants need to supply RSF with

- A completed "Assignment Insurance" application form containing the places and dates of the assignment and details of who to contact.
- A photocopy of your passport and press card.
- Payment of the premium.
- A cheque of at least 15 euros to join RSF if you are not already a member.

Journalists who wish to apply for insurance should contact Lucie Morillon or Matthieu Fargeas at RSF headquarters in Paris on +33 1 44 83 84 81 or e-mail [comptabilite@rsf.org](mailto:comptabilite@rsf.org).

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