HOW JOURNALISTS CAN DEAL WITH THEIR STRESSES

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1. LONG HOURS. PRESSURE TO MEET DEADLINES

Prioritize and do the most important items first. Learn to plan ahead and take breaks. Communicate with others if you have too much to do.

2. COVER STORIES TAKE A TOLL

Do not ignore any potential mental health symptoms such as increased anxiety and episodes of depression. Join a local mental health support group/ Talk to a counselor.

3. JOB UNCERTAINY. DECREASE IN MORALE

Focus on doing your best. Develop friendships with others. Keep your resume current and develop a network of friends in the industry. Be proactive in your career will give you options.

4. EVERYONE IS DEMANDING

Communication is key. It's important to get see things from the other person's point of view. Find solutions that work for everyone. Delegate when possible. You can't please everyone.

5. ARE YOU STILL STRUGGLING?

Get advice from family and friends. Talking to others can give you ideas and different approaches Do not ignore your mental health, or it will catch up to you.

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