

Tsunami Volunteer Center's Standards for Journalists and Visitors

1. All visits to our project work sites must be pre-arranged with our media department at least one day in advance. TVC policy mandates that all visits to our work sites must be confirmed by the project manager.
2. Please register at the Tsunami Volunteer Center's office in Khao Lak before visiting our work sites or interviewing any TVC volunteers.
3. All visitors must wear nametags when visiting sites, taking photographs, interviewing or talking to local residents and volunteers at our project work sites. Also, all visitors to our project work sites must be accompanied by a member of the media department.
4. Questions about sensitive topics (e.g. political / governmental / religious affiliations, funds going toward the tsunami efforts, other organizations) may not be asked to our volunteers. If any sensitive questions absolutely must be asked, those questions should be posed to a TVC media relations contact. Volunteers at work sites may only be asked project-specific questions and questions about personal experiences as a volunteer.
5. Always ask for permission before taking a photograph or asking questions to local residents or volunteers. No individuals should ever be pressured into answering questions or into being videotaped, filmed, or photographed against their wishes. Please respect every individual's right to privacy.
6. Please remember that personal experiences regarding the tsunami disaster and the after effects can be a very sensitive subject for both local residents and volunteers. We as foreign visitors are here to help, not interfere.

The above rules and standards reflect the Tsunami Volunteer Center's dedication to respecting the privacy of local residents and of our volunteers.