Artwork Safety Checklist

Safety Disclaimer

Thank you for your submission! Talking about mental health is one of the biggest ways that we can reduce the stigma that makes reaching out for help that much harder to do. But sometimes it's hard to know HOW to talk about it because this is not something we learn in school like math or science.

We need to be extra careful about how we talk about some tough subjects like self-harm, substance use or suicide to ensure we are being helpful versus harmful. For example, images that show graphic details of any of these things can be triggering to others and sometimes even make them seem cool (even if your overall message is meant to raise awareness). So please read the safety guidelines below and check in with your adult allies to ensure your submission provides accurate information, is sensitive to different groups of people, and is safe to share!

Safety guidelines	Examples
Messages are safe	The artwork must be respectful of all cultures, races, gender and or sexual identities be culturally appropriate and culturally sensitive be sensitive to content that may be triggering (something that may affects someone's emotional state or cause distress) not include hate speech not include sexually explicit, obscene, offensive, unlawful or violent content not include nudity not show or imply anyone carrying out or suggesting activities of harm to others or self not show sizeism, fat shaming or images of engaging in eating disorders not show someone being neglected, bullied or emotionally abused or mistreated
Messages are accurate	□ not show death or loss of a loved one The artwork must □ provide accurate information □ contain messages that can be clearly understood □ not reinforce stereotypes
Risky Behaviours Free of Brands	The artwork must not show anyone consuming substances, including tobacco and alcohol not glorify substance use not show anyone gambling The artwork must
	 not clearly show or promote any brands/branding or company names (i.e. No Budweiser, Pepsi, Under Armour or other labels).
Other	The artwork must not be disparaging or disrespectful of program and campaign partners, program and campaign sponsors, their products or services