

# Letters to the Editor: Tips



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## Get Your Letter Published

It should come as no surprise that newspapers receive a lot of Letters to the Editor. There are no guaranteed methods for getting a letter published, however, the following tips may improve your chances:

- Keep it short. Letters to the editor should be no more than 200 words.
- Know your facts. You may get one letter published with fishy facts, but once other letter writers or commentators on the website start pointing out factual errors, you are unlikely to be published again.
- Be passionate but professional. Letters that resort to stereotypes, threats, or name-calling are unlikely to be published.
- Provide your name. It goes without saying that an anonymous letter will not be read, let alone published.
- Provide accurate contact information. The letters editor will typically call to see if you are the same person who submitted the letter, so provide a phone number where they can reach you during work hours.
- Focus on one subject. If you are discussing more than one topic in 250 words, you may not have enough to say.
- Be timely. Discussion about an issue in a letter that has not been mentioned in the newspaper recently will not interest the editor.
- Send the letter in an email, not as an attachment.

## Submit Letters to:

- SALT LAKE TRIBUNE: [LETTERS@SLTRIB.COM](mailto:LETTERS@SLTRIB.COM)
- DESERET NEWS: [LETTERS@DESNEWS.COM](mailto:LETTERS@DESNEWS.COM)
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