

## **Exercise 1**

The Viliamu fanau are Tokelauan and live in Cannons Creek, Porirua. Their mother Ruta and father Sale work full-time as a cleaner and plastics factory hand. They have five children, the eldest of whom is Motulia, 22.

Motulia went out to a party on Friday night and, after drinking heavily, crashed the car he was driving, killing himself and injuring his teenage cousins Viola and Hale Jnr.

Motulia was a member of the Hurricanes development squad rugby team. Another reporter has been sent to speak to the Hurricanes franchise; your chief reporter wants you to talk to the family.

What issues should you consider when approaching the Viliamu fanau?

## **Exercise 2**

Test your awareness of disability and appropriate language by editing the following story.

### **Boy's cell phone stolen**

A thief has been labelled as “low as you can get” after stealing a cell phone from a wheelchair-bound teen in Dunedin.

Police said the offender approached the boy, who suffers from cerebral palsy, when she saw him trying to free his wheelchair from a stormwater grate at the corner of Anzac Avenue and Hanover Street.

While pretending to offer her help, the thief snatched the boy's bag and ran off down Hanover Street.

Passers-by retrieved the bag, but the teen's cell phone had been removed. Nothing else was missing.

Sergeant Joe Blow said the culprit was a lowlife and the offence was as “low as you can get”.

“I'm just appalled with the whole thing. What kind of person robs a cripple?”

Blow called on the offender to apologise and return the phone immediately.

Anyone with information should contact Dunedin police on (03) 000 3333.