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Broken Turnaround Pact/Bectu joint statement

All workers are entitled to receive an 11-hour break between finishing work and starting again (known as an 11-hour turnaround).

On scripted productions, our agreement recognises that this may not always be possible and provides for producers to give the time back or pay a penalty. Although under the 2023 agreement there has been a significant reduction in crew breaking turnaround, both Pact and Bectu would like to see it eliminated altogether.

Good planning and management can eliminate or reduce broken turnaround. This is something which all in positions of responsibility can work together to achieve, from line producers to heads of department.

For these reasons, Pact and Bectu have pledged to try and eliminate broken turnaround in scripted and unscripted productions. Pact and Bectu had a constructive first meeting about this topic on the 3rd of June 2025 and discussed setting strict boundaries on the use of broken turnaround to enable crew to maintain a healthier work/life balance. A further meeting is provisionally scheduled for late July and both parties have invited BBC Studios, ITV and the PMA to join the roundtable discussion.

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