

It is recommended that ...

The following revision is taken from a doctoral dissertation by a Thai-speaking postgraduate student of Occupational Health:

Original	Revision
Furthermore, an NRL-free environment is recommended to be set up in every hospital ...	Furthermore, it is recommended that an NRL-free environment be set up in every hospital ...

Most reports, and many dissertations, conclude with recommendations, so it is important to know the usual way in which recommendations are made in written English. This is shown by the Revision above, and by the following citations. Notice that the form of the verb in the recommendation may

- be in the Simple present (eg citations 1 & 2)).
 - use the auxiliary verb **should** (e.g. 3 & 4).
 - have a 'missing' **should**: it is not necessary to include the **should**, because its meaning is already contained in **recommended** (e.g. 5 & Revision)
1. If a suicide should occur in hospital it is recommended that attention **is** paid to dealing with the resultant feelings both of patients and staff.
 2. It is recommended that either antidepressant medication (Perry and Tsuang 1979) or lithium (Coppen *et al* 1981) **is** introduced at the same time as commencing ECT to reduce the risk of relapse.
 3. "It is recommended that, unless there are strong scientific grounds, clinical trials of prevention or treatment of disease **should have** no upper age limit on recruitment."
 4. 'It is now recommended that all psychiatrists **should have** experience in dynamic, cognitive, behavioural, group, family and marital therapy.
 5. It is recommended that the familiar *tu* **be** banned when police carry out identity checks. Young people want the more respectful *vous* form used instead.

Try re-writing the following citations using the pattern shown in citations 1-5:

6. The unions now recommend that no teacher **should** be alone with a pupil if it can be avoided.
7. The report also recommends that the UN **pay** compensation for Somali civilians who were killed during the hunt for Gen Aideed in Mogadishu.
8. Many GPs recommend that TCA patients **take** time off work while they are adjusting to TCA drug regimes.
9. The report recommends that employers and employees **should work** together to encourage more occupational funds to be set up.
10. The report recommends that the Government **makes** more resources available for environmentally-friendly new light rail systems along the lines of the Manchester Metrolink.

11. The report recommends that all staff **be** made aware of the importance of intellectual property rights.

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