# Type Guidelines & Restrictions

The following styles are in place to ensure that the Exchange Media Group's written content is conveyed in an effective and consistent way.

# **Basic Guidelines**

### HEADLINES

- 1. Headlines should always be set in Fira Sans Bold.
- 2. Headlines should always be set in Sentence Case.
- 3. Headline point size should always be at least double the point size of the body copy.
- 4. Headline may be larger in certain situations, but an effort should be made to keep it under 3x the size of the body copy.
- 5. Subheadlines should be 4 points smaller than the headline.
- 6. Type should be set in increments of 4.

## BODY COPY

- 1. Body copy should be no smaller than 8pt in size, with a leading of 10pt.
- 2. Body copy should not exceed 14/16pt
- 3. Body copy font should be appropriate for the application. Freight Text for print, Open Sans for digital. In some cases, Open Sans may be a more legible choice for print, and is apropriate to use.

### IMPORTANT TITLES OR EMPHASIS

- 1. Important titles should be set in Fira Sans Bold, all caps, with 150% tracking.
- 2. No more than 5 words should be used for important titles.
- 3. Important titles can be set in any of the brand colors.
- 4. Important titles should not exceed 10pt in size.

#### NUMERALS

- 1. Unless being used in a headline, do not set numerals in any FreightText variation.
- 2. Numerals should be set in either Fira Sans Regular or Bold.
- 3. When used to illustrate percentages or statistics, numerals may be set in a larger point size.
- 4. Preferably, numerals should be kept in either Black, Cyan or Reverse, depending on the background or page color.

